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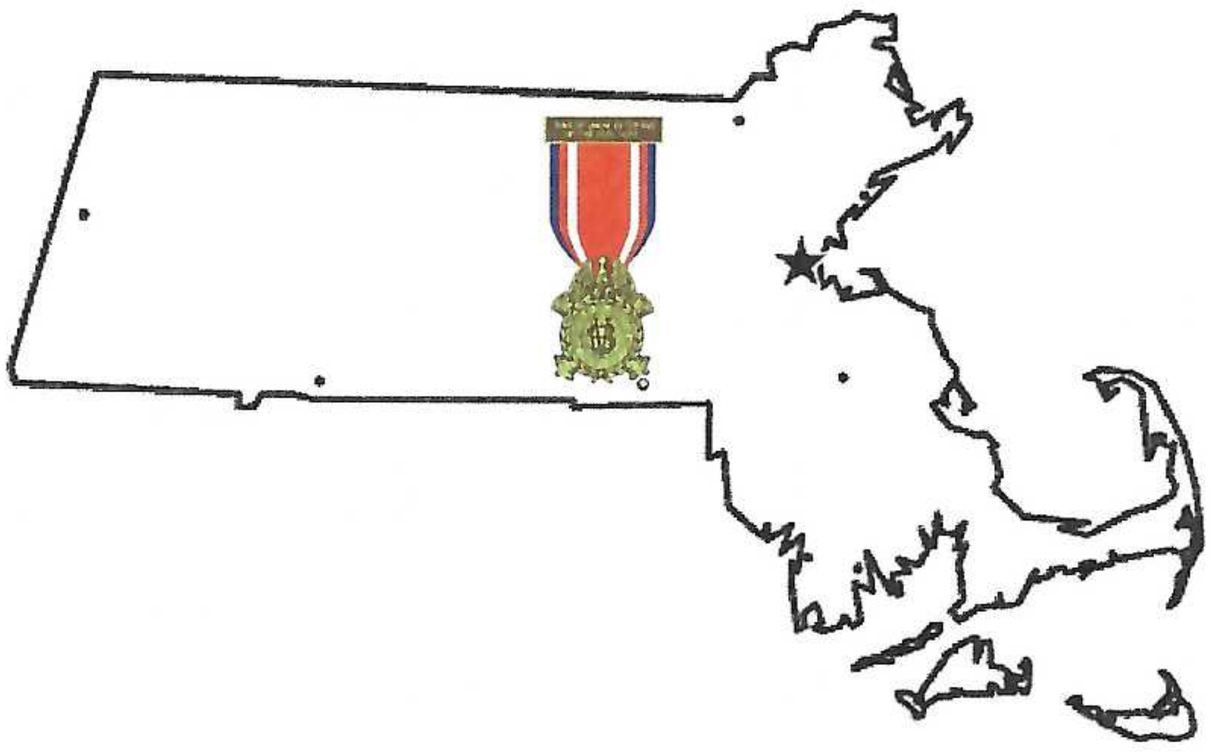

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PROCEEDINGS

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Officers and Staff will be limited to ten minutes for each report, and I know some of the Brothers have several reports so each report will be limited to ten minutes. Exceptions may be made by a two-thirds vote of those present. All debates and discussions will be conducted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. When recognized to speak by the Commander or Chair, the Brother will rise, state your name and Camp number, and like I said, step right up to the microphone over here or if you want to lean right into it and stand right next to it, be all set. One Brother will speak at a time please Make it a lot easier for everyone to understand what's going on.
Secretary will call the Role Call of Officers of the Encampment.
(Phone ringing) Please turn the cell phones off. (Unintelligible) will break for lunch. I've already turned mine down.
(Roll Call of Officers was done by Department Secretary. See Appendix page 47 for Roll Call results)

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Commander, the Roll is called.

Meeting opened in due form by Department Commander Perley Mellor

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Credentials Committee for last night was George Maple. Today is Dean Sargent and Conley Ford. I'll do the rest of the appointments right now. Constitution and Regulations, ah… Steve Twining, he's not here, Dan Murray, Ed Kelley, would you be on the C&R please, and Jonathan Duce.

Jonathan Duce: Here

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Would you be on the Constitution &Regulations please. Thank you. Ah, this was an extra one I had appointed prior to the Encampment about two months ago, I believe it was – I appointed a G.A.R. Trust Committee, ah Funds Committee. I didn't call it a Trust on purpose and that Committee is myself, John Bates, Dan Murray, Edward Norris, Peter Rotando and Ralph Warner. As we go on through the day, I will explain a little bit more of what's happening with that already. Congratulations on the officer's reports and I'll appoint that as needed. For balloting, John Bates, Peter Rotando, if we have any contested offices would you act as ballot counters, please? At this time I would do the recognition of National and Department officers.
First off, our most Senior Department, um National officer, Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler. (Applause), our next to be Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy, Department Commander from Rhode Island, Bruce Frail; immediate past Commander from Rhode Island, Bill Vieira.

The next name I believe is Ellsworth Brown, Past Department Commander from Rhode Island. Behind him, and my sight is not the best in the world, is Tuffy… where are you? You're back there someplace, Tuffy from Vermont.
Dan Murray is also from New Hampshire, Past Department Commander.
Did I miss somebody? Where is Dean? Dean is a dual member so we have a member from Maine as well as Massachusetts. Dean had to cross the green bridge but he is here. That way we have all six New England states here. We have nobody from the men from Connecticut but we do have ladies from Connecticut so we have all six New England states represented.
We already have credentials committee, roll call is recorded. We are going to move right into officers reports. Mine is about a yard long. Mine is three pages in my print and that's two pages in everybody else's print.

(Officer's Reports given. See Appendix page 51)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Conley, stay put. Will the members of 3188 please come forward? Any members here from Camp 3188, come forward, up with Conley.

Conley Ford: James; I guess there are four or five of you here, Brother James. (Pause while members came to the front)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: On behalf of the National Organization, and myself as Department Commander of Massachusetts, I now present you with a Charter.

Conley Ford: Wow.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: For Camp 3188 (applause).

Conley Ford: Could we get maybe the rest of the guys around? Dean, could you come around over here?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: He likes photographs.

Conley Ford: I tell my members what's important to me, I understand that the Sons is to preserve and perpetuate. This is exactly what we want to preserve and perpetuate, because a hundred years from now someone's going to look at this picture and say who are those guys in that picture? And, ah, so this is why I'd like to get as many pictures as possible.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: All set Ed?

Edward Knight: Not yet.
(A pause while lining up for picture)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Always proud to present Charters. As you know, that's a listing of all the Camps we have. Next year, I hope to have one more camp to add to our collection. I would give this, ah, what do we have here? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, next year maybe, I hope to have maybe ten camps in this Department. We're growing, Kevin, Brother Kevin, do you have your reports? This is going to be the last report before the break for lunch. Then we will break for lunch.

(Senior Vice Commander report read by Kevin Tucker: See Appendix page 69)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: It now being the hour of lunch, we're going to adjourn until the hour of 1:15 at which time we will meet right back in here. We will continue on with communications and, ah, recess, wrong terminology. (Three raps of gavel) Chaplain, will you close the Bible please?
(Chaplain closes Bible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: For those of you attending the lunch with the Auxiliary, I believe it's next door. Anyone needing grave markers meet Ed Knight outside, at his truck outside.

(Break for Lunch)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm sorry for the delay. First of all, we took a whole lot longer than we expected to next door. So we're going to move right along with everything we have this afternoon. The way the ladies are, are you ready over there? (Unintelligible) Yes, it is. Mike is on, right? Recorders on?
(Unknown person answered yes) I am going to skip the resolutions and communications next, but they're working on those right now. I'm going to jump into the budget, ah, jump ahead a little bit, ah, we go into the budget on this one. Is John Bates in here? John Bates and whoever else is going to do it.

Council John Bates: Can everybody hear us? I hope. Does everyone have a copy of this, by the way? Is there anyone here that doesn't? Oh, there was some extra ones on the table back there. I made up fifty copies. George has got them; okay. (See Appendix page 107)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: George has them right there. We have some up here. We need one more.

Council John Bates: While we are handing those out, gentlemen, I would like to make a couple of points to everybody. This Department, for the last five years, has been very fiscal responsible, very fiscally responsible, I should say. We have never spent our whole budget; we're always under budget, so this is true, also for this past year. The budget that was prepared was a meeting held by both me and Paul Kenworthy, the other Council Member. We got together, took a look at last years budget, looked at what we spent, what we didn't spend and this is a proposed budget for 2009 to 2010. Of course in the meantime, I understand, the economy has changed our projections for income, so we will take a look at that. I think we can find a way around that. We're going to look at each line

item individually and the proposed budget that was originally prepared based on the original numbers, as you can see is $22,550, which is approximately 11% less than last year. And, if I remember correctly, we did not spend all of our money from last year, did we?

Treasurer Ed Norris: No.

Council John Bates: Okay, so we had approximately $3,069 or so left over.

Treasurer Ed Norris: Unfortunately, less money.

Council John Bates: Okay, that's okay, I understand that we're going to be changing some of these numbers. However, at this point in time, I would recommend to the body that we could entertain the motion that the surplus funds that were left over from last year simply be simply attached to this coming budget so that we can really work with the numbers we already have here. I understand our income is going to be lower than last year. If we do add that number in, it will be pretty darn close. So, ah, I guess what I am saying is I would entertain a motion to, ah, what's that, (background unintelligible), make a motion that we entertain the fact of changing, of changing, of transferring the $3,000 surplus from this years unused budget into this years proposed budget for 2009 to 2010.

Unknown speaker: Second

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Motion has been made and seconded to transfer this year's unused portion, which is about $3,000, I believe.

Treasurer Ed Norris: $3,082.00

Department Commander Perley Mellor: $3,082.00 into the 2009 – 2010 budget. All those in favor say aye.

Unknown speaker: Point of Order (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. Is there any discussion? Kevin.

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: For the past five years, we have unspent our budget for each of those five years. (Unintelligible) Our Treasurer has always made a motion that we put the money into the permanent fund. Because the budget is $19,000 and change, instead of $20,000 and change, that short-fall could be made up by transferring the money from last year. If it happens again next year, we may not have that luxury. (Unintelligible) We have been responsible and this is one of the advantages of being responsible, so I would support the motion that the remaining leftover money from last year's budget (unintelligible).

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any more discussion? Hearing none and seeing none, all those in favor, please raise your hand. All those apposed, please raise

your hand. No apposed. Motion carries. Please go on.

Council John Bates: As I said earlier, we took a look at some of the things we spent last year and the things we didn't spend last year, so as we go down through each line item, you're going to see different numbers here and there. That's what we're doing. We're going to discuss the numbers and come up with a number that is a consensus. First line item is for Department Colors Maintenance and Equipment, which last year we had budgeted out, let's see here, $1,500 and we bought new flags and we spent an actual amount of $1,072 and if my memory serves me right, we got everything we needed except for straps and….

Treasurer Edward Norris: We got straps. We need tops.

Council John Bates: We need new tops on both flags. Those are fairly inexpensive; I believe we're not looking at $1,000. When we looked at the budget, we said we already have the Colors and we came up with a recommended number of $300.00. We do have to get new tops. Do I think we'll spend all that much? I'm not sure, but I think it will be more than sufficient to cover.

(Background discussion – unintelligible – among Department Officers at Head Table)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Go ahead Bob.

Chaplain Robert Knight: I have a question. Does that include carrying cases for all the flags?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I need you to go up to the mike please.

Chaplain Robert Knight: (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: It's not that. We are recording everything, sir. It's something new for us, so it's a matter of getting used to it.

Chaplain Robert Knight: Gentlemen. Normally when we have these Colors, from an old Color Sergeant, we had a carrying case for our Colors. It's a good thing to have to keep our flags in good shape. I just wondered, as a point of interest, you didn't mention it, whether a case was provided.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I can answer that question right now. The carrying case is laying right there on the floor. (Unintelligible from Chaplain) On the back side. That's a very new case, there's also two harnesses in there, because we bought two new harnesses, one for each flag. They're in that case. We still have the old harnesses and the old Colors. So, you can use either harness or either flag if you want to. So now we have four harnesses, two brand new and when we get the tops fixed on the flags, we'll have two brand new flags as well.

Chaplain Robert Knight: I see that we have, well they had all wooden staffs. Here they have some aluminum as well, so there is no mismatch here.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The new staffs are light-weight aluminum, so the people who have to carry these in parades, if they've ever carried the battle flags, it's like carrying a Christmas tree without the wind. These will be much easier to carry and they look and act very neatly.

Chaplain Robert Knight: Thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: You're welcome, sir.
Council John Bates: The Council recommends $300.00 for this line item and I would recommend it to the body as such.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: To expedite… To expedite the budget down through here, if there is no objection, for each line item we're going to declare them approved. Does anyone have a problem with that? Kevin, you had a question? Otherwise we're going to be here all day. (One rap of gavel) Move on.

Council John Bates: Line item number two, Commander, is Department Depot rental expenses, to the Hartsuff Association and the Council recommends keeping that at a thousand dollars.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: No objection. (One rap of gavel) Approved.

Council John Bates: Line item number three is Department Encampment expenses which, as you can see, is broken down into awards, postage, souvenirs, printing and copying, guest meals and other expenses. As you can see, the numbers add up to $1250 and after looking at each line item from the previous year, and discussing it with Department Officers, we felt the amounts were appropriately recommended, and as such, we do so. The total is $1250.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any objections Ed?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I just want to find out, last year we spent just short of $2100 for the Department Encampment.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Can you elaborate on that, Ed, why we did that?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I believe it was because of the meals. Yeah, we ended up, the hotel cost us more than we anticipated because of the number of rooms. We only collected $1358, so we spent more. We didn't collect enough to cover our expenses.

Unknown speaker: If I could address, Commander…. Go ahead.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin, you had a question.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'm just wondering what it takes to account for rooms for visiting VIP's. $300.00 doesn't seem like an awful lot for meals and (unintelligible) for the VIP's. Do we pay for their rooms, or do they pay for their own? Doesn't that count? Or how does that work?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We have not been paid for the rooms. The Commander-in-Chief's representative, or the Commander-in-Chief, they have a budget to allow this, so we have not picked up the rooms.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: The National Order actually picks up the room in a round about way.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Anybody else?

Unknown speaker: Commander, would you say then, that the biggest deficit on that was we had to make up the difference to the hotel?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes.

Unknown speaker: Do you know what that difference was?

Treasurer Edward Norris: It looks like it was, well, we had two payments, one of $813.00 and another one of $840.00.

Unknown speaker: Those were the deficiencies. Approximately $1600 was due to deficiencies.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes, I think that was probably the biggest piece.

Unknown speaker: Right, right. My point is….

Treasurer Edward Norris: We didn't have enough for meals. We had to cancel the breakfast.

Unknown speaker: Right.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We ended up refunding people's money on that.

Unknown speaker: Right.

Treasurer Edward Norris: So even though it shows here…

Unknown speaker: So Commander, again, would you say we need to increase this number?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Unknown speaker: You would? And what number would you like to see there?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I'd go $1,500.

Unknown speaker: You'd go $1,500; alright.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'm sorry I'm not clear. There is a deficiency, but what is it? I mean, why is it $1,600? What was it? (Unintelligible).

Treasurer Edward Norris: Well, what I believe, and I don't have the paperwork with me, we signed up for so many meals and so many rooms, and if we didn't get it, we were charged extra. So this year we have, I think, we have twenty-nine for the banquet and we had twelve for the breakfast. I don't know what the contract called for; I didn't receive contracts so I don't know if we're going to get hit with penalties this year.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: (Unintelligible) It was a percentage of rooms. They designated a percentage of rooms we would get. I think it was 80%. If we got 80% of the number, we got the discount.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yeah, I, ah, the rooms don't go through me, so I, ah, we got hit because we didn't hit our numbers. I don't know what we're going to get this year. I don't know what the contract stated for how many rooms or how many we have for meals.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I would then recommend we keep the numbers the same and work within that budget. I just think it's, ah, it could be somehow we messed it up last time. We just did a poor job of (unintelligible).

Council John Bates: Okay, so, um, recommendation.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I have a recommendation to leave the figures at 1250 for this item two, item three. And we can, I think we can, work with it and work within this budget for the time being. Does anybody have any disagreements with that?

Council Peter Rotando: Ah, Commander…

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes.

Council Peter Rotando: It's probably safe to say that we're at the mercy of the membership.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That's right.

Council Peter Rotando: So, ah, the people who don't come or feel they're going to come and don't reserve things, threaten the budget. So, hopefully the Brothers can get more focused next year in making plans for next Encampment.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Before you go on…

Council John Bates: Yes, sir.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Before he goes on, we're looking at communications here, and a stack of summaries, and it's going to take well over an hour, just on the communications, resolutions and amendments; we have to, we must vote on today. Everybody's got a copy of the budget. If anybody has (unintelligible talk in the background), I'm just going to override you on this.

Council John Bates: That's fine.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: If anybody has a problem with any line item within this two pages of a budget, I'd like to hear it now. Go ahead.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I just feel it should be read across because somebody might not see something as we talk about it. I understand you want to move this along but at least Brother Bates should read it and then just keep reading, and at the end we could have discussion. I think if you don't read it, somebody may miss it.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That's fine with me, too. I just want to, if we, as we get done with a line item, if nobody has any objections to it, we're going to go right on to the next one. That will move it along, and then we can get through with it.

Council John Bates: Commander, therefore I will start then with $1,250 for line item three is approved. Am I correct?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes

Council John Bates: Okay, line item number four: Department Miscellaneous Expenses Fund budgeted at $1,000. Line item number five: Department Newsletter Expenses, $1,550. Line item number six: Department Officers Meeting Expenses for $1,200. Line item number seven: Department Officers Bonds for $250. Line Item number eight: Department Officers Travel Expenses, total $2,850. Various Offices are noted. Line item number nine: Department Secretary Office Expenses, $1,200. Line item number ten: Department Treasurer Office Expenses: $2,850. Line item number eleven: Department Website Hosting Expenses, $250. Line item number twelve: Flag Holders, $1,000. Line item number thirteen: Good of the Order Expenses, $2,500. Line item number fourteen: Lincoln Brunch Expenses, $650. Line item number fifteen: National Encampment Delegate Travel, $2,700. Line number sixteen: Permanent Fund Reinvestment, which was

zero. Line number seventeen: Remembrance Day Trip, $2,000. Total budget: 2000, ah, $22,550.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay, I've got a comment. I have hands up there. First.

Tag Ahaesy: On line item number seventeen.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Please state your name and Camp number.

Tag Ahaesy: Tag Ahaesy, Camp Commander Number 25, Willie Grout. Line item seventeen, Remembrance Day Trip for $2,000. Ah, I'm not in favor of funding this line item, ah, this year I was told only five members of the Department took the trip. I know it was budgeted for $2,000 and only $980 was spent, and I know there were more than five people who took the trip, because there was members of the Department who took the trip. For five members of the Department to be underwritten for about a $1,000, where at least as many people who took the trip drove down themselves, in fact, more people drove on their own down there. Ah, when you look at line item thirteen, stone placement is $500. Ah, and there's thousands, there's hundreds in Worcester, of veterans lying in unmarked graves. The fee for getting a stone placement in most of the cemeteries is $150. Apparently I didn't look at last year's budget very closely because I would have applied for some of this stone placement money that was spent on last year's budget. Ah, but I think the Department sponsoring, spending money for five people to attend an event, and every year we're told this will recruit people, and this will do this, and this will do that, but I've seen no growth through this trip and the economy in the way it's in, I don't think we should be underwriting just a few members of the Department to go on this trip. Ah, if they want to go down there, they can still get the rates at the hotel, but, ah, they should be able to find their own transportation so I make a motion we don't fund line item seventeen.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: You don't make a motion.

Tag Ahaesy: Oh.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: You're not in favor of it.

Tag Ahaesy: Oh, okay.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: You're just not in favor. We're still in discussion mode.

Tag Ahaesy: Oh, okay, thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Concerning line item seventeen, that

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Who are you, sir?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'm sorry. Kevin Tucker, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts. Concerning line item seventeen, I'd like to rebut some of the argument that Brother Ahaesy gave. Ah, first, ah, last year was an anomaly. A lot of us that would normally go couldn't go because of other things that happened. We didn't spend the $2,000, like you said, we only spent $900. That event, contrary to some other emails that go around, it's not anybody's vacation. That's a National Sons of Union Veterans event that we're supposed to be represented at. Now it's true that people can drive down there on their own but what you got is what you got this year. The lowest turn-out we've had in years of people left to drive on their own, a few people might go down. Since I've been in Department office, I usually make most of the travel arrangements for Department events. I've never made a reservation for just myself, anywhere, ever. This money means activity, it, I know everybody looks at it, you know, even you spend $2,000 for something that not everybody participates in, that's true, ah, but this money means activity. The reason we gather together as a group is so we can do things together. It's nobody's vacation. It's an event that gets media coverage. It actually memorializes our ancestors; it celebrates the biggest victory, the one that changed the war. It, ah, the National, the year before, the National Encampment happened that week-end. Coincidentally, we didn't have to budget any further. The money was already budgeted. The Council of Administration meeting takes place that week-end. It's not just let's go down to Gettysburg for a vacation. It's an event that National holds, we choose to go as a Department, participate in that, we take our members, we don't pay everything, they all pay upward of $300 per person on top of the money that we put into this. So, it's nobody's free vacation. It subsidizes. It makes it easier for those members. Again, not Department Officers, but regular rank and file members to go. It facilitates them going. The things you've heard in the past couple of years with that there is a recruiting tool and that we bring kids along, all those things are true. The main reason, for me, and everybody has their own reason, the main reason for me is activity that we do together and I'll guarantee you, in this crowd, just about everybody that's ever gone would vote in favor of this and not against it. And the people who vote against it haven't gone. They don't realize what it is. It's hard to explain to somebody because it seems like somehow we're taking advantage of Department money. Usually, we've, for the most part, lost money on it for quite a while. The 11th Mass. was a ceremonial group that raised money for it and they kind of died away, so the Department has had to shoulder all of it, but yeah, we do open it for everybody, whether you're in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. You don't even have to belong to the group, you know. We do open it up for all of our Brothers. That kind of helps get enough people together for a bus. This year it didn't happen. A bunch of us couldn't go, including me. My dad was ill. He ended up passing away. So, normally I would take a group of people with me, too. None of those people went. John ended up driving down, ended up getting started late. So as far as the other part of the argument, where, ah, you know, where the argument of stone placement, that this could have been used for it, that's true and it could have been used for grave markers. However, there's still places where we did have money in the budget, didn't get spent, and when I say this money is for activities, that's what I mean.

If we're spending money, we're being active. If we're not spending money on free entertainment or something, we're actually being active. Remember, the first three rules of this Organization is Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The first one is Fraternity and we do things together. All of us here have an obligation to Graves Registration, to make sure the memory of Civil War soldiers is kept green for everybody, but we also have an obligation to each other in this organization to stay together. How many of you, if you hadn't joined this organization, would have ever done graves registration? Nobody. That's the purpose, so that would be my answer to the stones question. As far as the veterans of Worcester, it, or any other project you have, we've been here for eleven years, we don't, how many things have we denied money for? Actually, any of those things, graves registration, monuments, any of those; never turned down any of those things. We do turn down some money for parties or whatever it is, but we never turn down those things. So if you have something, a project, you should bring that number, but it shouldn't affect the Gettysburg money. This is a great trip. We've been doing it for nine years. It will be the tenth anniversary of it, and we, everybody we've brought down will vote, I'm sure, in the positive.

Unknown speaker: May I ask this question? When was the last time a bus was actually used?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Ah, well, is a bus the measure of success? The reason that we stopped, well hold on, the reason we stopped doing the bus because fuel prices went up to four dollars a gallon, so a bus that used to cost $2,600 then costs us $5,400, so what we did instead of that was we chartered three vans that would hold, ah, you know, it held about twenty-five people, I would say on average, going in the three vans. We could have had twenty-five going on the bus, but it was more expensive to do it and you have to pay for the driver. If you haven't made arrangements for one of these things, it's a real mess. You not only have to pay for the driver, you have to pay for the driver's room and his meals, and the bus at $5,200, so all of those things added together, it's far cheaper to do the vans. The real pain in the neck is you have to then find three guys who are willing to drive eight hours down and eight hours back to carry everybody. So I don't think the bus is really the issue. It's like what we talked about before. It's participation by the Department; certainly is an issue. Everybody needs to just, like we talked about, with losing money on the Encampment, you know we can lose money on this thing if we, if everybody, if enough people don't participate. So you know $900.00 for five people, you're right, is not good, but on the other hand had thirty people signed up we would have probably done much, much better. Ah, so that would be my answer.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I have one way down in the back.

Unknown speaker: Yah, I …

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Up front, please.

Unknown speaker: Okay, I certainly can be heard…

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Yah, but…

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We want to make sure it's on the recorder, please. And state your name and Camp.

Henry McCarl: My name is Henry McCarl. I'm from Camp 61. Ah, also, Past Treasurer General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. I'm familiar with expenditures in this kind of thing. The question I have is we have a budget of about $22,550 and we're spending $2,000 for a CPA audit, and I'm wondering why it is such a high percentage of our overall budget.

Unknown speaker: (Unintelligible)

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. We spent that money because our By-Laws require it in Article IV Section 7. Last year, ah, the first year, which was last year, we had a confirmation report done. One, the CPA would not allow us to do a review because they had no prior records from us, so after they did that, they agreed to do a review. Now an audit certainly would be much more expensive, so the Department Encampment agreed to do a review. This was the price, $2,500 for tax prep. We can't file a 990N, which is a postcard one, because we have too much money, so we've got to (unintelligible) forms. So those are some of the expenses on that. I guess that's all I have to say.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin, last time.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I just like to add that we did have a motion last year to eliminate that and it was defeated, so we had this whole discussion for quite awhile, so that's why we ended up continuing.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Sir, stand up again please.

Unknown Speaker: Mr. McCarl.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: McCarl.

Henry McCarl: Do you want me up front again?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes, please.

Henry McCarl: I'm perfectly aware of constitutional requirements for audits. That's not the question, and that's not my question. My question was why is it such a high proportion of your total budget?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: We've had a, ah, we've had a number of people, I know Kevin has asked, John Bates has asked, other CPA's about the cost. Well, we're getting a very good deal on this. So it's just unfortunately the cost of doing

business. If somebody knows a CPA who will do it for less, let me know and we will entertain that, but, ah, when we first did this I made that plea and I got no response so I went to somebody who knew a bunch of CPA's and they pointed me to Latarte and Singleton. They've done a good job for us.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does that answer your question, sir? Mr. McCarl.

Henry McCarl: What?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does that answer your question?

Henry McCarl: Yeah. I have a CPA. I have a CPA do my income tax. I got income tax of $100,000 a year. That's about what I pay for my $100,000.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: John.

Council John Bates: If I could address that Commander, um, I have the unique privilege of having a father who has been a CPA for many, many decades, and when I presented him with this material, he said the price we got was pretty much average and he doubted very much we could do better. I think, Hank, the one you talked about, is an individual tax return, and I think this is a slightly different process, and they just seem to charge more money for it.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I would add to Mr. McCarl, do you have a CPA that is less expensive? (Unintelligible) We would consider it, absolutely.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin. Kevin. You're turning away from the mike and we can't…

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Sorry, I apologize.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I know it's new to us, so it's getting used to it.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: If, ah, I was just saying to Brother McCarl, if he has a CPA that will do it much cheaper, we'll certainly will consider it. No doubt about it. We'd love to save a $1,000.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Gentlemen, back to…

Council John Bates: We're back to the question on line item seventeen.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Seventeen wasn't even a comment. Brother Duce.

Jonathan Duce: Jonathan Duce, Camp Secretary Treasurer, Camp 25, Willie Grout. Just out of curiosity, on item nine, twelve D, internet service for Secretary, $360. Just curious where that came from. I could understand the website hosting fee, but I'm not clear on why a Secretary needs to have internet service paid for.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does anybody in the… Yes.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: This is the first time I've seen the budget before this afternoon. I didn't know what was proposed and what wasn't. I don't have any need for the internet service. This is left over from prior budgets, so you can strike the $360 as far as I'm concerned. I have internet service. I would get it whether or not you people paid for it but if you want to pay for it, that's fine. (Laughter)

Jonathan Duce: Commander, through you to the Secretary, do we take that as a motion to eliminate that line item?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I think we do this at the end. The motion would be at the end.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The motion would be at the end. Alright, I've still got more hands out there. Is there any other questions from the audience? Any Brothers in the audience before I go back to Kevin again. We're going to deal with the whole budget here in a couple of minutes. Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Sorry. I know I'm up here a lot. This is actually a different line item. On number twelve, in the flag holders, Brother Commander, on the flag holders, how many holders do we have left from last year? How many did we buy originally, and how many left from last year, and do we need to buy another $1,000 worth, if we haven't put those others up?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'll ask that question of Ed Knight. We bought $2,000 worth and we'll have a count in just a second.

Department GRO Edward Knight: Ed Knight, Graves Registration, Department of Massachusetts. Ah, today, I have requests. I've got, not everybody's here today to get them, but I have requests for every grave marker that I have and I don't know what the extras will be, but every one we have in inventory has been claimed.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. Last year we spent $2,000 and we got 325 flag holders so we paid about $6.00 apiece.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I withdraw the objection. I think it is reasonable.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. Look at your report. Our general fund is at $8,880.33. We voted to move over $2,082.92 which leaves $5,805.41. What I'm recommending is for line item sixteen, that we move $3,000 to the permanent fund for the future. That will still leave us $2,805.41 in case we have some other need, or another dividend goes away.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Are you all set?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'm sorry Brother Ed. Before you sit down, could I have a clarification of that?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: So we had $8,000 left over?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: $8,888.00. That's the general fund. With the $3,000, ah, the number of $3,082, what we overspent in the budget, and that was what we recommended to move over to next year's budget.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: What was the number again? $5,000….

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: $5,805.41 and I'm recommending that $3,000 get moved into a permanent fund.

Council John Bates: Ed, not to repeat myself, but you're recommending $3,000 out of the remaining $5,000 be transferred to the permanent fund?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Correct. That will still leave us $2,805 for emergencies.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Peter.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Commander, thank you. Peter Rotando, Department Counselor, Camp 25. While we have the budget before us, and, ah, John, we talked a little bit, item number five, Department newsletter expenses. Now as a Department, we need to either focus on whether to do it or we're not doing it, and how much we're going to do it, and what we're going to fund it. Ah, this is the (unintelligible) going on for a number of years and should probably address this today. Whether to fund it or not. Whether to have a newsletter or not.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm going to answer that question. Ah, the new Commander-elect, more than likely, and I, we have discussed this at length and we are both of the opinion to push forward and get this newsletter started again, as the Clarion Call, up and running again this year. At least one, two issues, but I believe we should leave it there and maybe have the expenses available to that, to allow them to print. There's a lot of work involved in that.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Yes, I know, but we have some questions on it and just wondered about, to the solution, to spend it or not.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: If I may, in answer, we had some issues with trying to…

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Mike, please, Kevin. Mike, please. You'll get used to this.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: We had some issues with trying to get a somebody to do the editorializing anyway, and putting it together, then we had some printing issues, so there's like a bunch of things happened, one after another, that caused it not to be printed. I believe it should be done by committee rather than by an individual. It was a nice idea but its so much work for one person that trying to put it together, trying to get the stories from everybody, trying to get everybody's input. People say, "You never say anything about my camp", well, they think we are reporters, like we have people go out and interview people and then trying to get it done. It's a lot of time, a lot of effort, and there's not very many people here that are willing to give that time and effort. So, I think we need to do it by committee. More hands to help with the load and it will be nicer, and that would be a recommendation that I would have, that we have a committee to publish the newsletter and I think the money should stay, and I recommend four issues a year.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That in itself will be up to the incoming Commander on his, on his jobs and job descriptions. Does that answer your question Brother Peter?

Counselor Peter Rotando: Yes, thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay, we're going to vote on the entire budget as it stands, if there's no objection.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: So therefore I make a motion that line item sixteen be changed to $3,000.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: And that line item twelve B be changed to, well, it's budget item nine, but it's line twelve D, be eliminated and that the total of the

budget will be $25,910. I will say it again, $25,910. (Chatter in background) I'm sorry, $25,190.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any discussions other than what we've had. Yes.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Commander, before we approve this…

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes, sir?

Counselor Peter Rotando: Department Treasurer, are those funds available for next year's budget?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Thank you.

Unknown speaker: We can't hear you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The question was from Department Counsel. Will those funds be available from the, to the Department Treasurer, will they be available? He says it will be close.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Basically, the expense stuff is $22,190 with the, I'm sorry… Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. The expense stuff, I'm not going to count the $3000, is $22,190. Our anticipated income for next year is $19,165. We voted to add back the budget that we under spent, which is $3,082, which gives us $22,247, so should be safe. The budget is under by $50.00.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: There is a motion on the floor, and seconded. Any discussion? There being none… I see no more hands…Yes.

Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Camp 25. I'm confused. I heard a number that was quite a bit larger and now it's back down to 22.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I wasn't counting the $3,000 we were moving.

Stuart Chambers: Okay, but you said 19.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: What I said was our expenses, actual expense part of the budget is $22,190. You add in the $3,000, it brings it up to $25,190.

Stuart Chambers: So we're voting on the $25,190?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Stuart Chambers: Thank you.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: The question became, do we have enough in the budget, do we have enough income, to cover our budget, and the answer is yes, by about $60.00.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Motion on the floor, and seconded. Any more discussion, other than what we've had?

Michael Needleman: Michael Needleman, Camp 25. I'm just curious. In looking at line item five here, with the expenses for personalized…

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Speak up.

Michael Needleman: I'm looking at item five here and I'm looking at we're essentially paying for printing supplies, postage, maintenance and repair, you know? Has there been any discussion at all regarding taking the newsletter virtually, and having it possibly put on the website, so we all have access to it?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: We do that. We put it on the….

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin, I'm going to make you walk. I'm helping that thing you're on.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: They actually do post it electronically; they have it on the Department website. Not everybody has email or access to the internet so we send a paper copy also. We don't want to leave anybody out. Just like the Banner, they can opt out. (Interruption by background conversation) Absolutely, publish it on the National website, and they send a paper copy because not everybody has access to the internet or email.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: To answer your question, I believe we have looked at it, and we will look at it every time we do this. Thank you. Last question on this.

Jonathan Duce: Jonathan Duce, Camp 25. A suggestion on the, ah, on the newsletter. People who wish to opt out of receiving it to save postage for the Camp, there ought to be an opportunity to do that.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Motion is on the floor and seconded. All those in favor, please raise your hands. All those opposed. Motion passed: 25 ayes and 1 nay. Gentlemen, thank you for your hard work (directed toward the Department Council). We're, we're going to back-step, and the, actually we are just going to continue on,

reports and reference to communications. We have a lot of them, so please bear with us. Mr. Secretary. Start with the amendments. This may take awhile, please bear with us.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: I have got a fistful of resolutions I've got to read, and I'll start with the, ah, nine that were put out in a Department Order by Commander Mellor. The Department Order was 15A.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read Resolution to allow Juniors and Junior Associates in the Department of Massachusetts. (See Appendix page 109)

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Do you want me to read them and vote on them as we go along?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We will read them and vote on them as we go. I need a motion on this Resolution. (unknown person spoke) Motion made and seconded to allow Juniors and Junior Associates. All those in favor, please raise your hand.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Discussion?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm sorry. Back up. Discussion. Way in the back. I couldn't see who it was.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Good afternoon. Peter Rotando, Department Counselor, Commander of the 1st SVR Military District. Vote as you may on this issue, I must caution Camp Commanders and people involved in these activities, that not everybody supervises their child involved at an event, and you are still subject to probably personal suit if they are injured at any one of our events. I have contacted the National SVR and the National leaders about insuring our members when they are at events, and right now, Brother Leo, correct me, we have no insurance when we go out in the field, or we do an event, and I think that's probably an issue that the National Council of Administration should be well aware of. I know it's cute to have the young kids involved but you'd better remember we're the adults and we're responsible. So I suggest you really think about that before you want to do this. And again, should you vote it then you also accept responsibility for this. Thank you.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Recommended in favor of by the Resolutions Committee.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any other discussion?

Henry McCarl: Do you have, ah, Hank McCarl, Camp 61. Do you have any problem with the CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) program? Youth people have to file special papers in order to work with these young people and I'm wondering if there's a legal question in terms of bringing these kids in, in terms of whether we would all have to do that kind of thing.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I haven't seen one. Ah, there's Junior, there has been Junior Associates throughout the entire National Organization. I have not seen that myself.

Henry McCarl: That has not been a problem. Okay, then that's all I have.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you very much. I have a question right over here.

PCinC Danny Wheeler: Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would like to say this discussion has come up in the National Order on insurance and it is being looked at. I can add that my Camp came up with a thing where we had to have insurance in order to work at a building that gives us $170.00 a month for cleaning two bathrooms once a week, and all of a sudden they said we can't let you in the building any more because you don't have insurance. We were able to get a five million dollar policy and that sort of thing. A thousand dollars per person, and it cost us $197.00 a year. And of course we were very fortunate in that people we do work for paid for half of it. But that's something you may want to look at in the future. Not just for Juniors and Junior Associates but any member that you have. There is insurance out there that is affordable. That's all I have to say, Commander.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay, I see another hand up there. This will be the last question on this subject.

Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers, Camp 25. I've been involved with the Scouting programs, as an adult, for many years and insurance is one of the big issues. Another thing was the number of people to have to go out on the fence to make sure, make sure there was adult coverage and it had to be doubled. Ah, I'm more than happy to be in favor of this. I'd love to see our numbers grow but it sounds like we need more discussion on it and I'd like to see it laid to rest so we can get some of these other issues resolved before we do it. Thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. I already had the move on the question so….

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. This program, we're one of the very few states that does not have Juniors. This isn't a youth program where we're actually carrying on youth services, or growth, or entertainment, or whatever. We're asking can they become members of what we do. Can we introduce them at an early age to patriotism, to historic preservation, to all those things we stand for? Obviously, it's my opinion that our Junior members from Scituate have to join a Camp in New Hampshire because this state won't see it. It's one of the very few that doesn't have Juniors. We should do this; we should bring them in as early as possible. I understand, ah, understand the other issues with insurance and all that, but those are probably going to be National issues, not Department

issues. It doesn't seem to be a problem in the states that have them, and most of the country does, so I would support this Resolution.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That is the last question or comment. There is a motion on the floor, has been made, seconded and discussed. All those in favor of accepting this Resolution for Junior and Junior Associates, please raise your hands. All those apposed, please raise your hand. Motion passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution adding flexible…. Before I go on, I think there's nine of them, eight more left. All of them are recommended, except for one, by the Resolution Committee, and I will explain why when we get to that one. Resolution adding flexibility to Encampment dates:

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution to add flexibility to Encampment dates. (See Appendix page 110)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: What is the recommendation?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: The recommendation is that it passed.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: You said they recommended all but one.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: I will bring that one up when we get to it.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes. Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Senior Vice Commander. This rule basically changes in our By-Laws; it says we have to have it on the third week-end in April. Sometimes we can't do that. For instance, if Easter comes, or there are different changes. What this does, really, is it kind of loosens that to say any week-end in April.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: All those in favor of this change. Is there any other? Okay, any opposed. Passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution mandating certain Department Officer appointments.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution mandating certain Department Officer appointments. (See Appendix page 111)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any discussion? Yes.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: All it does is bring the Department By-laws in line with the National By-laws, as to who shall be appointed and who may be appointed. That's all that language was. It makes the Department By-laws in sync with the National By-laws.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. All those in favor of this change, raise your hands. All those opposed raise your hand. Passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolutions correcting the voting method conflict:

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution correcting the voting method conflict. (See Appendix page 112)

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. I believe, if I understand how this is written, we have to have at least three votes for Department Council, where if it's majority, we have to elect the first Councilor and go to the next one, and then the next one. I believe that's how it states.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Brother Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Senior Vice Commander. No, all this does, it's the way that our By-laws are written, are at odds with what National allows for elections and it may be interpretive but I thought it would straighten out the language. Obviously, if you're confused, so the old way it said the Department Officers shall be elected annually at the Department Encampment by a majority of votes. So right now it says by a majority of votes, shall be replaced with Department Officers shall be elected annually at the Department Encampment by a majority of the votes cast, except for delegates and alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast. So it changes the delegates so that we don't have election for delegates in the next (unintelligible).

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. I believe that's what we do now for Department Council. We nominate how many, whoever, actually we have six, and we took the top three vote-getters and they became the Department Council. That's a plurality vote. I put in an amendment that in addition to delegates and alternates, we include Department Council.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Commander, I would accept that amendment.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does everybody understand that? All those in favor, please raise your hands. All those opposed, raise your hands. So moved.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution defining responsibilities and requirements for reimbursement of authorized expenses:

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution defining responsibilities and requirements for reimbursement of authorized expenses. (See Appendix page 114)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any discussion? Kevin, by the way, Kevin, I knew there was discussion coming.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: This, ah, according to our By-laws, the only person in the Department who doesn't need to submit receipts is the Department Secretary. It is written that he shall receive $1,200 a year for his office expenses. Every other officer has to submit receipts showing they spent the money. This just corrects that. It makes the Department Secretary the same as every other Officer. He still has the same budget, or has whatever budget we approve for him, but he still has to show receipts for what he gets. So it's not a salary, it's actually reimbursement.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor, please raise your hands. All those opposed. Passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution correcting grammatical errors of the preamble to the Department By-laws:

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution correcting grammatical errors of the preamble to the Department By-laws. (See Appendix page 114)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any discussion? Does everybody understand it? All those in favor, please raise your hands. All those opposed. So moved.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution extending Council terms:

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution extending Council terms (See Appendix page 115)

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: This resolution, we (referring to the Resolutions Committee) did not recommend because National Rules state National Council of Administration serve three-year terms, Department Council shall have a maximum of two-year terms, and Camp Council can only serve maximum of one-year terms. In order to make the rotations work, they would have to reduce their terms to two years.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any discussion? Okay.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I would like to make an amendment that we reduce the term to two years instead of three.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Now, how would it read now?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: What we would actually have to do is to, we have to take two for two. You can only have a turn over every two years. So you can have two who serve for two years, and would be elected together and the third would be in the off year. Two, one, two, one, if you wanted to do it that way.

Unknown speaker: What is it now?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Everybody gets elected every year.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The Department Council is elected every year. Hand in the back. Is it Peter?

Counselor Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando, Camp 25, Department Counsel. First question is how do you measure the capability of an individual to do this job? Who here is a stockbroker by trade? Some of us have been doing this job for many years and I don't get a check to do it. Neither does anybody else. My suggestion is leave it the way it is. Sometimes people get in these jobs and after the first or second year they don't want to do it for a third year. I give you caution to think about that. One year sometimes is enough. This way it gives you an opportunity the next year to get a new slate depending on the performance of the people you have had in the past. Thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. Okay, this is number two, Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker. To answer Brother Rotando's point, anybody can resign after a year if they wanted to. The Council of Administration could replace them. The purpose of this is when we have a new Council of Administration, a completely new Council of Administration, every year, and they are not familiar with the budget process, the history of budgets, what happens, what went before, and you give them a clean slate. It has always become an issue if something gets under-funded; it's been a history since I've been a member of the organization. What this does is allow terms to overlap where people get elected for two years at a time so they have at least a years experience in making the second year's budget every time. It's kind of how National does their Council of Administration. They over-lap with their three-year terms and they make sure that somebody has got the process the whole time. That was the idea behind the resolution and I think if you've gone through the budget process as in past years, it's very tough when somebody new, and doesn't know what each line item is really for. They're just kind of copying what happened last time.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any more discussion?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. Earlier we voted to change By-laws toward Department Council to plurality vote. If we do it this way, how do we account for the other member? It's just a question. I don't know if we have to go back and re-address that by-law.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Brother Murray.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: If you change this only for this year, it would still be plurality the year you had two, and the third year you would just have one. This

would be the only year you would have to worry about all three, and the order you pick them.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does everybody understand that and what they're saying?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: This has to be changed, and it has to be a friendly amendment, and I would like to make a friendly amendment this be changed to reflect two two-year terms and one one-year term.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: It would not happen until 2010, anyways. By-laws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, after they are written, printed and sent to him for approval. Does everybody understand that before we go on? Okay, we'll take a vote now, and this is for two two-year terms.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: I have a friendly amendment on the floor to change them to two-year terms, because we have to amend this because we can't submit it like it is.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I understand this. There is a friendly amendment on the floor to change… (Directed toward Department Secretary Daniel Murray) Why don't you read this?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Okay, let me see if I can. The Department Council Members shall be elected to a term of two years with each seat elected on a rotating basis; in such a way that one Council member is, ah, two Council members are elected one year, and one member the next. To facilitate this rotation, one Department Council Member seat, Council Member No. 1, shall be elected to a two-year term at Department Encampment 2010, and shall be elected to a term of two years thereafter. Council seat designated Department Council No. 2 shall be elected to a two-year term in 2010, and shall be elected to two-year terms thereafter. The third Department Council Member seat, designated Council Member No. 3, shall be elected to a term of one year in 2010, and shall be elected to a term of two years thereafter.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does that make sense now? Does everybody understand that? Again, all these changes have to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief. All those in favor, please raise your hands. All those opposed, please raise your hands. Four. It passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution clarifying the Treasurer's duties.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution clarifying the Treasurer's duties. (See Appendix page 116)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does everybody understand it? Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your hand. All those opposed please raise your hand. Passed.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Number nine. Resolution empowering the Department Council with directing permanent fund investments.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution empowering the Department Council with directing permanent fund investments. (See Appendix page 117)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Any discussion? Does everybody understand this? All those in favor, please raise your hand. All those opposed? Passed. Brother Murray.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolution of the Department of Massachusetts about battle flags.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution of the Department of Massachusetts about battle flags. (See Appendix page 118)

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: That is recommended.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Does everybody understand that? All those in favor, please raise your hand. All those opposed? Passed. Brother Murray, before you go on any further, we have a visitation outside and they're going to bring the ladies in.

Three wraps and ladies enter the room.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Brother Commander, it is my honor to present the Officers of the ladies Auxiliary for presentation.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Ladies, would you like to come up here for presentation?

Eleanor Becotte: Perley, we hope that you are having a very fruitful Encampment. Very happy group, and we are very pleased to bring the wishes of the Auxiliary to you and we have a little gift for you, okay?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you, it's heavy.

Eleanor Becotte: Yes.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Gold. (Laughter from the crowd)

Eleanor Becotte: Silver. (Jovial banter which was unintelligible) Sandy, would you like to say something.

Sandra Bates: We also wish you a blessed event and hope everything goes well.

Unknown speaker: What?

Sandra Bates: We also hope that everything goes well and you have a wonderful Encampment.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. Be careful (referring to them stepping off the stage). Brother Chaplain, your response.

Chaplain Robert Knight: Ladies, it's always nice to see you here. Each year, for many years, I served the honor to have the ladies come into our meeting; it breaks up the sorrowful repast. Very, very nice to have you come in with your sparkling personalities and cheerful disposition. It always makes our Commander really look good. (Laughter) Thank you so much. Send our wishes back to the ladies.

Sandra Bates: We will. (Ladies exit room)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Before we go on to this next item, I'm going to send a visiting Committee to the ladies. Brother John Bates and Peter Rotando, would you visit the ladies for me, please, and would you give this to the ladies? We'll be kind to you.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Did you vote on the battle flags?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes. Brother Murray, continue please.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolutions Committee, Department of Massachusetts… I don't remember the Committee's recommendation. Jonathan, do you remember what the Committees recommendation was on buying tapes?

Jonathan Duce: No recommendation on buying tapes.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution about purchasing microfilm rolls of Massachusetts veterans. (See Appendix page 119)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm going to speak on this before I, we open discussion. This comes from Brother Steve Twining and I have spoken to him several times. In particularly, the library he is talking about, the Pittsfield I believe it is, they have in their possession several readers and also the storage, the proper storage facilities and capabilities to store these tapes in a climate controlled condition. Whereas the armory in Worcester does not. They have to be, I believe, on the second floor of the building just sitting there. Dean asked me about this a little while ago and I said make a recommendation to the body of the Encampment to facilitate this, and that's all I'm going to say on the subject. Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Brother Commander, I think we have an issue with this since the Resolution calls for a line item in a budget that has already been passed. I don't think we can un-pass a budget, so I don't think we can pass this as written. I make an amendment that we could designate outside funds, funds outside the budget, before you give back the five thousand, make it forty-five hundred. You can't really un-pass the budget and add a line item.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I understand that one. Thank you.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Ed Norris, Department Treasurer. First of all, I do support this Resolution. I've used those microfilm rolls a number of times. They're an invaluable resource. The other thing is, this library will do inter-loan, so if you're in Boston you can ask your local library to get the film and they'll ship it down there for you. One of the other things we have in here, the budget, I'm talking about, we have other Good of the Order expenses. Four-hundred twenty dollars, seeing how we didn't designate anything for that, we could use the four-hundred dollars as part of the Good of the Order expenses.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: This one here will require a motion from the floor to accept this one. Do I hear a motion?

Unknown speaker: I make a motion.

Unknown speaker: Second.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: We can't amend the budget, which the motion is being accepted.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: If they accept this, and I think they're going to take the money out of some kind of fund.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: If you accept this, take it out of the budget as Good of the Order.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I would amend this to say, the Resolution recommends that the money be taken from the Good of the Order fund. We already passed the budget and we can't amend it. Add friendly amendment to that.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay. Can you include that in the…

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Recommend that Good of the Order funds be used for this purpose and strike out the budget line item.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: One thing, I am totally in favor of this because there is one other copy in the country. It is in Washington, DC and it covers the entire country. It is the only single copy there is in Massachusetts.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Massachusetts recommends unspent Good of the Order funds be used to purchase the twenty microfilm rolls.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We have to vote on the amendment. All those in favor raise your hands. Opposed? That passes. Now we're going to vote on the original motion. All those in favor of this Resolution, as amended, raise your hands. All those opposed. So passed. (Applause) We have one more, right Dan?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, for National.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Then we are going to take a break.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: This is Article 5 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Article 5 Section 2A.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolution concerning Article 5 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Article 5 Section 2A. (See Appendix page 121)

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I believe this amendment is the most anti-democratic, arrogant thing that descends from National. What they are saying, if the Encampment passes something, and the C-in-C decides, or the C-in-C advisor in most cases, decides it's not legal, the C-in-C can suspend it, or the Council can vote to suspend the will of the Encampment. The Encampment is the ultimate decision on any matter pertaining to the Organization and it was made that way on purpose a hundred and twenty-five years ago, and this is just the worst thing. What they're saying is, we're smarter than you and in case you screw it up, we like to trump your decisions. I vote against this.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other discussion? This is a pass or fail. I sign it and send it back. All of those in favor of passing this amendment for the Article 5 organization, please raise your hands. All those opposed. Motion fails. (Applause) We're going to take a ten-minute break. It is now 3:30; be back at 3:40. Chaplain.

Chaplain Robert Knight closes Bible.

(Break)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Gentlemen, please close the outside doors. (Pause) Please close the doors. Chaplain. Brother Knight.

Chaplain Robert Knight opens Bible.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: I have three more Resolutions to read and they are all for voting purposes at National Encampment, people running for office.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read Resolutions to endorse Leo Kennedy. (See Appendix page 122)

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'd like to make a Resolution that the Department of Massachusetts endorse Leo Kennedy for Commander-in-Chief and direct the Delegates to vote for him in the upcoming National election in Louisville, Kentucky.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Do I hear a Second on that?

Unknown Speaker: Second.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: All those in favor? All those opposed? Passed. (Applause from the membership) Dan, hold on just a second. Kevin, there's a gentleman at the door asking for our count for dinner.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Twenty-nine on the list, and one more.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Dan, go ahead.
Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Resolutions for Bill Vieira and Brad Schall..

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read the Resolutions. (See Appendix page 123)

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I make a motion that our Alternates and Delegates that attend the National Encampment support Brother Vieira in his run for the Council of Administration.

Unknown Speaker: Second.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Motion made and seconded to support Brother Vieira in his run for the Council of Administration. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? Passed. (Applause from members)

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I would like to make one more announcement while we're running for National office. Our Department Commander will be seeking the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in the 2011 Encampment. We wish him the best with that. (Applause from the members)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Brother Murray, do you still have more?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, the last one. This is a communication from Jerome Orton, Past National Historian, and they're selling tickets for Abraham Lincoln, a new print. (The letter was read. See Appendix page 125)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: What are the tickets for?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: He sent a picture of it. For a print, a limited edition print, of Abraham Lincoln. It doesn't say, it must be for the Women's Relief Corps because they are the one's holding the drawing.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read Resolutions for Eric Schminke and Ken Freshley for Council of Administration. (See Appendix page 126 – 127)

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: To Department Secretaries, at the 2008 National Encampment held at Peabody, Massachusetts last August, a Resolution was read proposing an amendment to the SUVCW Constitution. I think we read that, didn't we?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I believe we did.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: It's done. I'm done. (Applause from members)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm going to jump out of order here as we have a couple things under Old Business, Unfinished Business and New Business. Let me get my list here. Without my list I'd be blind. I'm blind anyways. We're going to jump into the election of Officers. Installation will be after all business is concluded. We have some Brothers who need to leave earlier today, so if anybody doesn't have any objections to this, we're going to hold election of Officers at this time.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I don't know if we need a motion or what but Brother Ed Knight has been called away by the ladies, so I don't know how we go about this.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Do we want to wait until he gets back in here, this office, because he is running for office? Kevin.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: We can proceed until we get to the point where his Office is.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We can do that. Does anybody have any objection to that? I do know there are several Brothers here who need to leave, and really soon.

Department Junior Vice Commander George Maple: Is there any way we can get him back in here now?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: He's being installed in the ladies.

Unknown Speaker: Once we start, the doors are locked. (Unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That's true, too. He's running for Junior Vice Commander.

Unknown Speaker: No, the ladies.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: He's their Counselor. His wife is being installed as Department President and he is her Counselor.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: We take a five minute recess and see how quickly we can get him back in here.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: What we have left here is going to take a little bit of time. Peter.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Commander, instead of wasting time with a break, why don't we continue with the Old Business and get that done.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We will continue until, the suggestion was myself, we will continue with the business at hand until such time as Brother Knight gets back in here. It won't be too long. How long are you going to take on Credentials, sir?

Unknown Speaker: We're all ready to go.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Want to read the Credentials now of all the Brothers who are here and we can get that out of the way.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: Once your name is read you can't leave the room.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Let's hold off on that then. Okay. In the meantime, what I have under Old Business and Unfinished Business was the G.A.R. Trusts. On the February 2nd, I had set up a Committee as this has been an on-going pain in the butt, to put it lightly. The word usage of Trust, misusage, and we've been trying to resolve this for several years now, and I think we've got a little bit of a handle on it. We have a Treasurer who has been looking at this. I have a Committee of myself, John Bates, Dan Murray, Ed Norris, Peter Rotando, and Ralph Warner. Now for those of you who don't know, Ralph Warner is a lawyer working with this type of information and I have since done some research of my own. Information that I had at my house, I have found some notes and stuff that we've been looking for. I have since passed this on to Ralph and he's been looking into it quite a bit. Before I even got that, he'd sent me some Middlesex Probate Court dockets in with the Copenhagen Wilson Fund. I have it here; I'm not going to speak on this because I'm not that familiar with it. I'm not a lawyer. I'd like Ralph Warner to come to the mike please, and speak on this, with what I had given

him to work with. I'm in hopes that the incoming Commander will work with, with deal with this subject and we can resolve this within the year, I hope. Ralph.

Ralph Warner: Ralph Warner, Camp 25. I did some research on Copenhagen. I located a probate in Middlesex County. His sister apparently married very well and had substantial funds, so that in her will she took care of every charitable organization in eastern Massachusetts, and she designated some $5,000 for the Arnold William Copenhagen Fund, and I can't remember the exact words of the Trust but she left it to the G.A.R. Post in Boston. She designated what number it was and if that was no longer in existence then it's designated as the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to act as Trustees, and the only requirement is you take care of some grave, I believe her brother's grave at Mount Auburn Cemetery and everything else went to the Organization for the Organization's purposes. This money is in Trust. We cannot spend the principle but we can spend the interest on this, some $40,000 according to the records that are in this. So, if you figure 3% we should have somewhere around 12 or 15 hundred dollars a year that is available for our purposes. I've been working on the rest of the stuff as our Commander gives me information, I get other information, I will continue to research the Probates. I figure by this time next year we should have most of the Trusts figured out one way or the other, if they are Trusts or whether they are not Trusts. This one is a Trust, you cannot spend the principle but you can spend the interest. If you don't spend the interest, at the end of the year the money would go back and be added to the principle. You may pick up more interest on it but you lost the interest. At this time, I'd like to suggest to the Commander that the interest on this money be set aside for purposes of the Organization and expend it as the Council of Administration may propose. There's no reason why we can't. This is a Trust. Thank you. (Applause from members)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'll be turning a lot of this information about, to the new Commander. It's entirely up to the new Commander to keep the Committee, or not keep the Committee, but I am recommending this is one Committee, is on-going and working diligently at this, that we at least keep part of them on this and keep going. I see a hand out there.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Peter Rotando, Department Counselor, Camp 25. Commander, I wish to accept Brother Warner's report, his report of progress on behalf of the Committee and recommend we follow his directions with these issues, if possible.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay, thank you.

William Ryerson: Bill Ryerson, Camp 61. I concur. Brother Warner's report on the Trust at, at a what Hingers, what you call it Hingerson the brother of the woman who left the money served for a brief period in the Union army and she left the monies to, ah, his memory. There's also a large grave lot at Mount Auburn, and there is a separate Trust that is endowed to the cemetery to take care of that particular cemetery lot. I'm not saying about the flowers; that's something we used to do. Just for your information, Camp 104 that I previously belonged to for years has been going over to Mount Auburn

Cemetery to decorate the grave lot in memory of their founder. At the same time we have visited that grave site and Hingerson's grave site, have placed flowers in that lot for the last couple of years, so that we've been doing the responsibility for the lot, I believe Camp 104 will continue that practice. It has been done for the last couple of years. Thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: This is what I have on the G.A.R. Trust at this time. As you all know, we've been trying to alleviate this or conclude this for several years now, a couple of years, and I think within a year's timeframe we should be able to make some, if not conclude, and be able to distribute, or use these funds as necessary within the Department of Massachusetts, throughout the entire state. I'm going to leave that as it is now. I'm not going to go into, now, 'cause there's so much involved in it, it's not really realistically in trying to. We've dealt with it last year for almost an hour and a half, so I'm not going to go into it again this year, if we can. I am going to go backward, ah, forward again, to installation of Officers, I mean, sorry, election of Officers, and we'll start with the report from my Committee at the microphone. (Referring to Credentials Committee – See Appendix page 49 for Credential Committees Report)

Dean Sargent: I can't do it yet. I just found a discrepancy.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: As we read these figures and the doors are closed, anyone that goes out will not be able to get back in. (Discussion about credentials in the background)

Dean Sargent: Commander, forty-five Brothers are here.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Somebody, Bob Knight, make a count and make sure forty-five members are here. Make sure; I don't want to go through this nineteen times. Tell the Guide or whoever. I can tell you which ones are not voting. There's one, two, three, four, five. I think there's five who are not eligible to vote. Am I correct? Bob, just give me a headcount please.

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Yes.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: There's five that I know of that cannot vote. Just give me a headcount of the people that are here please.

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Check the cards?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Just a headcount Bob. The cards have been checked already.

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Forty-five in here.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Forty-five can vote.

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Just want to count and make sure there's forty-five.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Or less. Everybody stay seated please.

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Forty-five, sir.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. Is that a total of forty-five in the room or forty-five…?

Department Chaplain Robert Knight: Forty-five in the room, sir.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Forty-five in the room, so thirty-nine can vote. There's one up here who cannot vote, and five on the floor who cannot vote.

Unknown Speaker: (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The door is closed. Nobody comes in, period. Post the Guide and Guard at the door. If anybody goes out, they do not come back in. Gentlemen, I will now take nominations for Department Commander.

Charles Tucker: I wish to place the name of Kevin Tucker for Department Commander.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Are there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Brother Kevin, would you accept?

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: For Commander, we have Kevin Tucker. (Applause) Senior Vice Commander; are there any nominations?

Unknown Speaker: I would like to nominate my friend George Maple, who has served three years as Junior Vice Commander, for Senior Vice Commander.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Then George, will you accept?

Department Junior Vice Commander George Maple: Yes.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Congratulations. (Applause) Junior Vice Commander?

Unknown Speaker: I would like to nominate Ed Knight.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Brother Knight, will you accept the nomination?

Edward Knight: Yes, I will. (Applause)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Department Secretary.

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I would like to nominate Dan Murray for the coming year.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Brother Murray, will you accept?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Yes, I will. (Applause)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Treasurer.

Unknown Speaker: I nominate Ed Norris.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Brother Norris, will you accept?

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes, I will. (Applause)
Department Commander Perley Mellor: Council. Are there any nominations for Council? Way in the back. Jeremy, I see you back there.

Jeremy Ryerson: I nominate Bill Ryerson.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin.

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: If I could be indulged for a moment. Paul Kenworthy is, was here last night, and had to go today to give a paper for a college. He wasn't able to be here. He served as a Council member for the last year when Dan moved up to Secretary. I would ask the body vote him present, and allow him to be nominated for Council.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: Can't do that according to CR&R.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Leo, I'm going to ask you that question.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy: You can't vote him present, but you can elect him if he's not present, with the exception of the position of Department Commander.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin, take out the word "present."

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'd like to nominate Paul Kenworthy from Camp 5. He's doing a tremendous job and I hope for him to continue.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'll accept that because the only one who has to be here is the Department Commander, I believe, and you're here. Way in the back.

Counselor Peter Rotando: Point of Order, Commander. I believe by our Department's By-laws it has to be by unanimous vote of the members present. Do you have By-laws up there?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I believe I have them here somewhere. Bear with us for just a minute. In the meantime, while we're looking this up, I'll put this one on hold. Is there any other nominations for … Stu?

Stuart Chambers: There's a gentleman who's done a great deal for us and I'd like to nominate him as Council Member, and that's Perley Mellor.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay, right there.

Unknown Speaker: I'd like to nominate Peter Rotando.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Way in the back.

William Ryerson: I'd like to nominate Past Department Commander Bob Knight.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Way, way in the back. I'll get to you in a second.

Unknown Speaker: Since I've been in this Organization, this gentleman has been Commander, Vice Commander and other offices. I'd like to nominate John Bates.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: George?

Junior Vice Commander George Maple: That part of the By-laws you're looking for is Article VII Section 6 "No member shall be eligible for any Department Office unless present at Department Encampment except for unanimous consent. The member shall be in good standing in the Camp, and the Camp shall be in good standing within the Department."

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Okay. I need a vote on whether to accept Brother Kenworthy into…

Unknown Speaker: I think you need a motion.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I make the motion that we accept the nomination of Paul Kenworthy.

Unknown Speaker: Second.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: All those in favor say aye. Opposed? So moved. So I'm going to read who we have: Bill Ryerson, Paul Kenworthy, myself Perley Mellor, Peter Rotando, Robert Knight, John Bates, so that's one, two, three, four, five, six, the whole lot. Yes sir?

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: If you're nominated, will you accept?

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Yes, I will. Okay. Election for ballot counting. Who did I have on that one?

Counselor Peter Rotando: You know it's myself and Brother Bates.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That's what I thought.

Counselor Peter Rotando: You might want to get one or two more.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I'm going to take two out there. Ah, I got one here. Would you act as counting the ballots please. I have two gentlemen, I got them already. There's two of them and I have to replace them. Peter and John, you have now been replaced because you're both running for State Council.

Unknown Speaker: Commander, I have the ballots cut up to present.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Would you pass them out please? Did you write on any of those? Okay, I'm going to read these one more time. Gentleman, please. The six, gentlemen, the six names running for election: Bill Ryerson, Paul Kenworthy, Perley Mellor, Peter Rotando, Robert Knight and John Bates. Please vote for just three.
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(Ballots being marked)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Roy Henry, will you collect on my left? Collect the left side. Brother (unintelligible) collect no that side. Put them in your hat. Has everybody turned their ballots in? For everybody else's information, gentlemen, please, for everybody, while the ballots are being counted, for everybody else's information, all the other officers are appointed by the incoming Commander, who is now Kevin Tucker.

(While votes are being counted there was general discussion on the old and new Department Commander's Badges)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: For everybody's information this is the new Department Commander's Badge I am wearing here. We purchased it a year ago. This is the old one. I'm retiring it to the depot. This badge has been worn by a lot of people and its frayed and falling apart. Every time I wore it I was afraid I was going to lose it, so we have a new one to be worn by the Department Commanders, as long as it lasts. So Dean, before you leave take this with you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: I'll bet this was worn by both of your dads.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Probably was. It's been around for a while. So the gold well the gold is worn off of that one.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: When you have a chance I have a suggestion.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Go right ahead.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: Gentlemen, Gentlemen if I could have your attention for a second. The medal that is being retired, I truly believe was worn by two of your fellow Brothers fathers when they were Commander-in-Chief, ah when they were Department Commanders of Massachusetts. I suggest the medal be brought back after the conventions over so these two can have a picture holding that medal. It's something that should be archived. It may even make the Banner or something. That's something that doesn't happen very often in a Department that sons carry on their Dads work and I believe that should be done. (Applause)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: While the votes are being counted, I'm going to make a couple of comments about the Resolutions that were passed today for the By-laws. Before the Camps can go into their By-laws and institute Juniors and Junior Associates, even though National has already, the Department By-laws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and then the Camps can. It's a progression. National has done, and now the Department has done it, but everything needs to be approved and signed. So now the Department's have to be re-written, re-done, and then signed by the Commander-in-Chief, and then each individual Camp can add Junior and Junior Associates to their By-laws which must be re-written and added to and then sent to the Department Commander for his approval. I do know that Camp 5 does not have By-laws. Camp 61 is in the process of doing theirs. Yes sir.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Camp 5 does have By-laws.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: I have never seen those. Okay, they haven't been approved.

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: (Unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: In my opinion, I have not seen Camp 5's By-laws for signature. The only one I have signed in my three years of tour is Camp 25, so we need to take a look at that and…

Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I'll sign them now. I guess I'll be signing them now.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That's fine with me. I don't care who signs them. I just want to make sure. These are the ones I have not seen Camp 5's. 3188 is in the process of doing theirs, Camp 61 is in the process of doing theirs, and none of the other Camps, 25, 26, 50, 104, 132, 22 and 15. I know as soon as we get this in and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, how long it will take, because it's Nation-wide, we have to get these Department By-laws changed in a lot of States. A lot of States don't have Juniors. We do not have either. Some already have Juniors. I just want let everyone to know the procedures we must follow. Stuff has been going through Commander-in-Chief Medert; he has been sending stuff back rapidly. If he has a problem with it we will know about it soon. One thing I have got that has not been put out by anybody is Secretary Don Palmer has made his announcement to the Council of Administration, he is running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 2010. Am I correct, 2010? It will be in Kansas.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: (Voting counts are returned) Do you want to read them off?

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Peter Rotando 19, Brother Mellor 25, John Bates 25, Robert Knight 2, William Ryerson 10, Paul Kenworthy 18, for a total of 99.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Your Council members are going to be myself, Peter Rotando, John Bates. (Applause from members.)
I am going to instruct the Department Secretary to cast one ballot for Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and Treasurer for their offices.

Department Treasurer Edward Norris: I make a motion that our Commander cast one ballot for the Department Secretary.

Unknown speaker: Second

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Again I'll read the rest of these. Department Council is myself, Peter Rotando, John Bates, that's the installation of officers, gentlemen. We will have elections of officers. We will have installation of officers as soon as we are finished with all business and I wish to thank all of the Brothers in here for their participation. I know some of you have to leave really soon, so I moved this up a bit. I'll instruct the guard to admit anybody in the hallway. I don't think anybody left, which is good. John, go ahead.

Department Council member John Bates: At this point in time are we are going to be electing delegates to the National Encampment?

Discussion at table about number of delegates allowed.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We are allowed nine delegates. Your Department Commander is an automatic vote; all PDC's are allowed an automatic vote, so that leaves…. How many delegates do we have**?**

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Four.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Do I have nominations for delegates to National Encampment in Louisville?

Unknown speakers, who did not identify themselves made the following nominations for delegates:
Tim Callahan
Charles Tucker
Dean Sargent
Danny Burns
Jeremy Ryerson
Conley Ford
Edward Kelley
George Maple
Rick Eccleston

Department Commander Perley Mellor: That is nine. Are there any other nominations?

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: I nominate everyone else in the Department as alternate status in case a delegate does not show and needs to be replaced.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: The delegates to the National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky to this point is Tim Callahan, Charles Tucker, Dean Sargent, Dan Burns, Jeremy Ryerson, Conley Ford, Ed Kelley, George Maple, and Rick Eccleston. Is there any other nomination for delegates? Is there any other nomination for delegates? Is there any other nomination for delegates? Closed. (applause from members)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Reading and approval of the minutes. That may be the only thing left. Gentleman is there any other unfinished business or new business to come before this body? Roy Henry.

Roy Henry: Roy Henry, member Camp 25. I sent a thing back about a monument, a monument in Silver Lake Cemetery in Athol, Massachusetts. The monument was erected to the memory of all war dead of Massachusetts. It has long standing been forgotten. No holders, no flags. I feel that being our Organization, and our protocol to honor our

ancestors of the Civil War, I feel that it is due time to honor these dead in Athol, Massachusetts. I would like to ask the Camp and the Department if they'd like to honor them starting this year, since it's been forgotten all this time. We'd like to see it come to fruition that we need to preserve and protect their honor. Thank you.

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: Does the monument need to be preserved or repaired?

Roy Henry: No, the monument is in good shape. A few years ago, my Secretary in Camp 18 and myself drove up there doing graves registration and saw this monument in the cemetery. No markers, no flags and it's been forgotten for a long period of time. I feel that this monument dedication to the unknown dead of our State a long time ago, that it's time these gentlemen be honored. Thank you.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: On that note, Brother Ed Knight, could you take care of it please? In Athol, at the monument in the middle of the cemetery, as Graves Registration Officer.

Graves Registration Officer Edward Knight: Yes, I will, if he will provide me with all the information, I will take care of it.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: We will now move into the reading and approval of the Minutes. And that will be the last Order of Business prior to installation.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray read Minutes of last meeting (See Appendix page 128)

Unknown Speaker: Motion made to accept.

Unknown Speaker: Second.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Wait, I see a hand back there. Ed.

Graves Registration Officer Edward Knight: Ed Knight, Camp Commander, Camp 15. I heard references to Camp 5 having members here but none for Camp 15.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: This is last year's Minutes. I'm just reading what was in here.

Graves Registration Officer Edward Knight: I understand, but….

Department Commander Perley Mellor: You were here.

Graves Registration Officer Edward Knight: I know I was here.

Department Secretary Daniel Murray: Camp 15 had three.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Camp 15 had three. Camp 50 had four, that I know of.

Unknown Speaker: (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Bob, do you want to add that as a Friendly Amendment?

Unknown Speaker: (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: There has been a motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes as amended with Camp 50 having four members and Camp 15 having three. Is there any other amendments or changes. All those in favor, raise your hand. Opposed? So moved. We now move right into the installation of Officers and I will turn, I will assume you are doing installation of Officers (referring to Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler).

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler: You can have whoever you want to. He can have someone else.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Kevin, who's doing your installation of Officers?

Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker: (unintelligible)

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Before we go on, I have a young lady in the back who has something to say.

Unknown Auxiliary member: The ladies Auxiliary has adjourned for the day and we've drawn our raffles for the Patriotic Instructor and the National Chief of Staff. We have three unclaimed prizes which are in the back of the room. For anybody holding tickets, the numbers are attached to the prizes. There are two with blue tickets and one with a yellow ticket. So those of you with tickets, could you please check your numbers on your way out there.

Department Commander Perley Mellor: Thank you. I'm pretty sure the gentlemen here did a fantastic job of supporting the ladies, and Peter is checking his tickets. He might have won something. At this time I'm going to turn the gavel over to our esteemed Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler.

Installation of Officers done by Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler.

Meeting closed at 5:20 PM in due form by Department Commander Kevin Tucker.

APPENDIX

Roll Call

Department Commander Perley Mellor – Present
Department Senior Vice Commander Kevin Tucker – Present
Department Junior Vice Commander George Maple – Present
Department Secretary Daniel Murray – Present
Department Treasurer Edward Norris - Present
Department Council No. 1 John Bates – Present
Department Council No. 2 Peter Rotando – Present
Department Council No. 3 Paul Kenworthy – Absent, excused
Department Memorials Officer Paul Kenworthy – Absent, excused
Department Historian Dean Sargent – Present
Department Patriotic Instructor Steve Twining – Absent
Department Eagle Scout ROTC Officer Daniel Burns – Present
Department Signals Officer George Maple – Present
Department Chaplain Robert Knight – Present
Department Counselor Peter Rotando – Present
Department Graves Registration Officer Edward Knight – Present
Department GAR Highway Officer Rodney Lundin – Absent
Department Guard Jeremy Ryerson – Present
Department Guide Roy Henry – Present
Department Chief of Staff Reynaldo Rodriguez – Absent
Department Organizer John Bates – Present

Committees for the 127th Annual Department Encampment

Credential Committee
George Maple
Dean Sargent
Conley Ford

Constitution and Regulations Committee
Paul Kenworthy
Steve Twining
Daniel Murray

Balloting Committee
John Bates
Peter Rotando

Resolutions Committee
Daniel Murray
Edward Kelley
Jonathan Duce

G.A.R. Funds Committee
Perley Mellor
John Bates
Daniel Murray
Edward Norris
Peter Rotando
Ralph Warner

Attendance of the 127th Annual Department Encampment

Credentialed

Department Officers

Perley Mello----------Commander
Kevin Tucker----------Senior Vice Commander
George Maple---------- Junior Vice Commander
Daniel Murray---------- Secretary
Edward Norris---------- Treasurer
John Bates---------- Council
Peter Rotando---------- Council
Robert Knight---------- Chaplain
Daniel Burns---------- Eagle Scout Coordinator
Dean Sargent----------Historian
Jeremy Ryerson----------Guard
Roy Henry ---------- Guide

Camp 5

Dexter Bishop---------- Delegate
Richard Cultrer---------- Delegate

Camp 15

Charles Fitch---------- Delegate
George Kane---------- Delegate
Patrick Moore---------- PCC

Camp 25

James Ahaesy---------- Alternate
Tag Ahaesy---------- CC
Stuart Chambers----------Delegate
Benjamin Duce----------PCC
Jonathan Duce----------Alternate
Richard Lufkin---------- PCC
Michael Needleman--------Alternate

Camp 26

Wendell Presby---------- -- CC

Camp 50

Jim Blackwell----------Delegate
Robert Borden---------- Alternate

Camp 61

William Ryerson---------- PDC

Camp 104
Kenneth Burns---------- Delegate
Timothy Callahan----------CC
Richard Eccleston---------- PCC
Richard Nichols---------- Delegate
Charles Tucker---------- Delegate

Camp 132
No Delegates attending

Camp 3188
Allerton Bonney---------- Delegate
Conley Ford ----------CC
James Ford---------- Delegate
Ellsworth Spear---------- Delegate

Non Credentialed

Massachusetts
Henry McCarl---------- Camp 61
Ralph Warner----------Camp 25

New York
Danny Wheeler---------- Past Commander in Chief

Rhode Island
Ellsworth Brown---------- PDC
Bruce Frail---------- DC
Leo Kennedy----------JVCinC
William Vieira----------PDC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department of Massachusetts

Perley E. Mellor
Department Commander

April 25, 2009

TO: Department of Massachusetts, S.U.V.C.W

FROM: Perley E. Mellor, Commander
Department of Massachusetts, S.U.V.C.W.

RE: Department Commanders Annual Report for the year 2008 – 2009

Brothers,

First of all let me say that it has been an absolute joy and a privilege to serve as your Department Commander. This has been an experience that I will not soon forget. There have been some trying times and trying subjects, but when I look at the whole picture my tenure as Department Commander has been great. During the past year I have made an all out effort to attend as many events as possible within the six New England states to represent the Department of Massachusetts. I also represented the Department of Massachusetts in New York and Pennsylvania.

The forming of Satuit Camp 3188, Situate, MA, was one of the highlights of my year. The forming of Camp 3188 was the brainchild of now Brother Conley Ford of Situate, MA. From the request to form a camp to the actual first meeting was about four (4) months. This may be one of the fastest startup times for any Camp. Camp 3188 is by far for the Department of Massachusetts the fastest growing camp with a membership of 38 plus Brothers to date. Brother Conley Ford has a goal of 100 Brothers before the end of 2009. I wish him all the success in the world in his endeavor

Then came the event that I had been trying to get accomplish for several years, the return of Bay State Camp 61 to the active rolls of Camps within the Department of Massachusetts. To say the least, this was no easy task to get completed, but it did happen in March of this year. A special thanks to PDC John Bates and PDC William Ryerson for organizing this.

By far the most exciting and exhausting event that happened during my term in office was our hosting of the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody last August. The National Encampment was termed a huge success by many of the Brothers and Sisters that attended the Encampment. If it wasn't for the three (3) years hard work of all the Brothers and Sisters on the Encampment committee and all the helpers during the Encampment, it would not have happened the way it did. A special thanks goes to DSVC Kevin Tucker for getting the 2008 National Encampment in Massachusetts and for his organizational skills.

Everything is not always the way that you would hope it would turn out. The loss of Camp 18, Uxbridge and the loss of Camp 129 Haverhill were a huge disappointment to me. We were hoping that

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events would have turned out differently for the two camps. They will be missed, but many of the brothers have been absorbed into other camps.

I would be remised if I did not thank the Officers that I have worked with for these past years. If it wasn't for these Brothers, I could not have done the job that the Brothers of the Department elected me to do. They jumped right in to cover the events that I was unable to attend and in many cases we were all at the events together.

I know that it takes more than just a couple of Brothers to get a task completed. To that end I want to thank all the Brothers of the Department for their tireless efforts to keep the Department of Massachusetts running smoothly.

I have attached four pages with the itinerary of events and places that I have attended in the last year. I will not bore you with reading them to you today. They will be with the Department Secretary if anyone wishes to read them. I have also attached the three news type reports that I submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, his staff and the rest of the Departments to let them know what we are doing in the Department of Massachusetts.

Thank You from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful experience of being your Department Commander.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

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Events of the Past Year

During the past year I have attended and represented the Department of Massachusetts in the following events:

On Friday & Saturday April 18th & 19th, 2008, I attended the New Hampshire Annual Encampment held at the NH Historical Society, Concord, NH.

On Saturday April 26th, 2008, I attended the Maine Annual Encampment held in Waterville, ME.

On Saturday May 3rd, 2008, I attended along with many other Brothers from MA and NH the Department of Connecticut Annual Encampment held at the Vernon/Rockville (G.A.R) Town Hall.

On Sunday May 18th, 2008, I attended a 2008 National Encampment Committee meeting.

On Sunday May 18th and Monday May 19th, 2008, I attended the wake and funeral services for Brother Ben Emerick in Uxbridge, MA.

On Sunday May 25th, 2008, I attended the Massachusetts National Cemetery Memorial Day Services held in Bourne, MA.

On Monday May 26th, 2008, I and Brothers of Camp 25, Worcester, MA and Auxiliary 25 participated in the 121st Annual Worcester, Ma. Memorial Day Observances held at Hope Cemetery, Worcester, MA.

On Friday May 30th, 2008, I attended the Memorial Day Services held by W.W. Brown Camp 1 and Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary 7, of Hillsboro, NH. The services were held at the G.A.R. lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, NH.

In the afternoon of May 30th, 2008, I attended the Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day Ceremony in Rindge, NH.

On Saturday May 31st, 2008, I had the extreme pleasure in assisting the Department of Rhode Island and C-in-C Kuhn with proudly giving honors and the proper internment of Pvt. Michael McElroy. The internment was in Prescott Post No 1, G.A.R. Burial Site, North Burial Ground, Providence, RI.

On Sunday June 1st, 2008, I held an Officer meeting in Woburn, MA.

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday June 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual New York Encampment in Waterloo, NY.

On Thursday June 12th, 2008, I assisted the Department of New Hampshire in the Initiation and Installation of Officers for the Major McKinley Camp 9, Lebanon, NH.

On Friday & Saturday Jun 20th & 21st, 2008, I was honored to attend the Annual Department of Pennsylvania Encampment held in Ligonier, PA.

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On Sunday June 29th, 2008, I presented my first SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Sean T. Eagan from Chelmsford, MA.

On Sunday July 6th, 2008, I attended the 2008 National Encampment committee meeting in Peabody, MA.

On Saturday July 19th, 2008, I attended the New England Regional Association Annual meeting held at the Veterans Headquarters, Weirs Beach, Laconia, NH.

On Sunday July 27th, 2008, I attended the 2008 National Encampment Committee meeting in Peabody, MA.

On August 5th to August 10th, 2008, I attended the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, MA.

On Monday August 11th, 2008, I and several Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Massachusetts went to Northbridge, MA. to rededicate the Northbridge (Whitinsville), Roll of Honor from 1872.

On Sunday, August 31st, 2008, I attended a 2008 National Encampment committee /picnic meeting to go over all the items of the Encampment in Wakefield, MA.

On Saturday September 27th, 2008, William Jenkins Camp 129 Haverhill, MA, held a Memorial Service to honor the 111 previously unmarked fallen heroes of the Civil War located in Elmwood Cemetery, Bradford, MA.

On Sunday September 28th, 2008, I held an Officers meeting in Woburn, MA.

On Saturday October 11th, 2008, I had the opportunity to attend the Testimonial Luncheon for the National President Janice Harding, held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD.

On Friday and Saturday October 17th & 18th, 2008, the Department of Rhode Island hosted the Fall meeting of the New England Regional Association in Pawtucket, RI.

On Thursday October 23rd, 2008, I and several Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Massachusetts SUV & Auxiliary Initiated and Installed the Officers of Satuit Camp 3188, Situate, MA.

On Sunday October 26th, 2008, I attended a MA Department Council meeting in Woburn, MA.

On Saturday November 1st, 2008, I attended the Friends of Major General Benjamin F. Butler Societies annual ceremony at the grave site of General Butler, in the Hildreth Family Cemetery, Lowell, MA.

On Saturday November 8th, 2008, I attended the General Frederick Lander Camp 5, Lynn, Ma, 1st Annual Franks & Bean Supper.

On Tuesday November 11th, 2008, I and Brothers from three different Camps marched in the Annual Woburn Veterans Day Parade. This was also the re-dedication day for Woburn's Civil War Monument in the center of Woburn, MA.

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On Sunday November 16th, 2008, I held an Officers meeting in Worcester, MA.

On Wednesday November 19th, 2008, I installed the Officers of General D.N. Couch Camp 26, Taunton, MA.

On Thursday November 20th, 2008, I attended the Annual Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, PA.

On Monday November 24th, 2008, I installed the Officers of Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester, MA.

On Tuesday November 25th, 2008, I installed the Officers of Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield, MA.

On Saturday November 29th, 2008, I was at the Rockland Depot to review old Department of MA records.

On Monday December 15th, 2008, I installed the Officers of General Lander Camp 5, Lynn, MA.

On Saturday, January 3rd, 2009, I installed the Officers of L.A. Tifft Camp 15, Springfield, MA.

On Saturday January 10th, 2009, I met with Commander Douglas Jenkins to receive the property of Williams Jenkins Camp 129, Haverhill, MA. They disbanded as of December 31st, 2008.

On Tuesday January 14th, 2009, I installed the Officers of General George L. Hartsuff Camp 50, Rockland, MA.

On Saturday January 17th, 2009, I attended a Holiday party that was held by Camp 25 and Auxiliary 25, Worcester, MA.

On Sunday January 25th, 2009, I held an Officers meeting in Woburn, MA.

On Sunday February 1st, 2009, I held an Officers meeting in Woburn, MA.

On Sunday February 8th, 2009, I attended the Department of Massachusetts Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch, held in Concord, MA.

On Wednesday March 4th and Friday March 6th, 2009, I attended the Wake and Funeral of PDC Frank Tucker, in Melrose/Wakefield/Peabody, MA.

On Sunday March 8th, 2009, I attended a Lincoln Civil War Dinner performed as a Living History by a local group of Re-Enactors in Attleboro, MA.

On Saturday March 14th, 2009, I attended the Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield, MA, Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner that they hosted.

On Saturday March 21st, 2009, I attended the New England Regional Associations Spring meeting hosted by the Department of Connecticut at the G.A.R. Museum (Vernon Town Hall), Rockville, CT.

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On Sunday, March 22nd, 2009, I Initiated and Installed the Officers of Bay State Camp 61, Melrose, MA.

On Saturday April 4th, 2009, I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of Rhode Island held in Newport, RI. Held in Newport, RI.

On Friday and Saturday April 17th & 18th, 2009, I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of New Hampshire held at the NH Historical Society, Concord, NH.

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Perley E. Mellor
Department Commander

July 18, 2008

TO: Commander in Chief Charles Kuhn,

On the evening of March 31st, 2008, I and several members of the Department of Massachusetts SUVCW and ASUVCW assisted Camp Commander Paul Kenworthy, members of Gen. Landers Camp 5 Lynn, MA and the Historical Society in the rededication of the Memorial Hall and GAR Meeting Room. The room is located within the Manchester by the Sea, MA, Public Library. The ceremony was well attended by state and local dignitaries. Also on display was a recently rediscovered Civil War era statue "America Honoring Her Fallen Brave" by noted sculptor James H. Haseltine.

On April 5th, 2008, I attended the Annual Rhode Island Encampment held at the Varnum Memorial Armory in East Greenwich, RI. There were Brothers and Sisters from RI, MA, NH, and CT. in attendance We all try to support the other SUVCW Departments within the New England states.

On April 11th and 12th, 2008, the Department of Massachusetts held its 126th Annual Encampment at the Holiday Inn Select, Woburn, MA. After a very long day of meetings, I was re-elected as Department Commander for a third term in office. Also in attendance was National Auxiliary` President Judith Trepanier.

On April 17th, 2008, Brother Robert Ducharme of Camp 25, Worcester, MA gave a presentation "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier" The presentation was given to The Black Tavern Historical Society, Dudley, MA.

On April 18th & 19th, 2008, I attended the New Hampshire Annual Encampment held at the NH Historical Society, Concord, NH. National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler was the National Representative for this Encampment. Also in attendance was National Auxiliary President Judith Trepanier.

On April 26th, 2008, I attended the Maine Annual Encampment held in Waterville, ME. At the Maine Encampment we were graced with the presence of National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy. We also had the National Auxiliary President Judith Trepanier in attendance.

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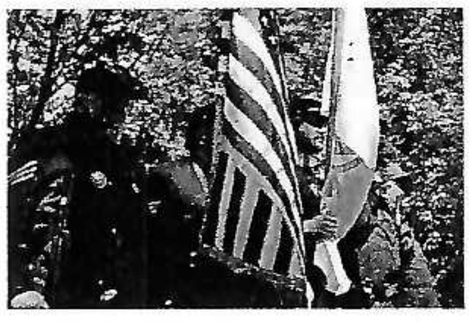
C-in-C Rpt part 2, July 18th, 2008,

On April 26th, 2008, Willie Grout Camp 25 Worcester, MA and AA Sherman Sons of Civil War Veterans Fife and Drum were part of the Plaque Dedication of Camp Lincoln/Camp Wool in Worcester, MA. The plaque reads as follows: Worcester Agricultural Fair Grounds Civil War Camp Site bounded by Agricultural (Russell), Highland, Sever and Cedar Streets was the site of the Worcester Agricultural Fair Grounds. In 1861 the Fair Grounds became a training camp for Civil War soldiers. It was named Camp Lincoln in honor of both President Abraham Lincoln and former Governor Levi Lincoln, a distinguished Worcester citizen. The 21st Mass. Infantry Regiment was mustered into the Federal service here in August of 1961 and the 25th Mass. Infantry Regiment in September of 1861. In 1862 the name of the camp was changed to Camp John E. Wool, in honor of Gen. J. E. Wool, U.S. Army. In the summer of 1862, both the 34th Mass. Infantry Regiment and the 25th Mass. Infantry Regiment mustered here. The plaque was erected by the Central Mass. Civil War Round Table. The Mass SUVCW was heavily involved in the dedication with two of Camp 25 Brothers as members of the Round Table.

During the month of May Camp 15, Springfield, MA had a very busy schedule:
May 1st, 2008, Camp 15 Color Guard along with Cub Scout Pack 57, Belchertown, MA, marched in a parade for the opening of the Shrine Circus in West Springfield, MA.
May 1st, 2008, Camp 15 Color Guard along with Cub Scout Pack 57, presented the Colors for the opening of the Shrine Circus at the Big E, West Springfield, MA.
May 7th, 2008, PDC Robert Knight presented ROTC Medals to JR ROTC students at Dean Vocational High School in Holyoke, MA.
May 25th, 2008, Brothers of Camp 15 participated in the Memorial Day Observances at the National Cemetery at Bourne, MA.
May 25th, 2008, Camp 15 Brothers along with Auxiliary 10 and a Cub Scout from Pact 57 participated in Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware, MA.
May 25th, 2008, Camp 15, Auxiliary 10 and Cub Scout Pack 57 participated in the Memorial Day Services at Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, MA.
May 25th, 2008, Camp 15, Auxiliary 10 and Cub Scout Pack 57 participated in the Memorial Day Services at Oak Grove Cemetery of Springfield, MA.
May 26th, 2008, Camp 15 participated in Memorial Day Services and parade for the Town of Agawam, MA.
May 26th, 2008, Camp 15 participated in the Memorial Day Services at the State Veterans Cemetery at Agawam, MA



Even though the Commander of Camp 15, Ed Knight was on vacation with his family in Northern Maine for the first 2 weeks of July, he still found time to locate and record well over 60 graves of Civil War Veterans that are buried in that remote part of Maine.

On May 3rd, 2008, I attended along with many other Brothers from MA and NH to the Dept of Connecticut annual Encampment held at the Vernon/Rockville Town Hall. The second floor is the location of the Vernon GAR Hall. After C-in-C Kuhn installed the Dept of CT Officers a group of Brothers joined the Dept of CT Auxiliary for a superb lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT. The Auxiliary held a memorial service after lunch to conclude the Encampment.

During the first three weeks of May the Brothers, Sisters and children of the Massachusetts Camps either cleaned up or flagged several cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day Services.

On Sunday May 18th and Monday May 19th, 2008, the Dept of MA had the sad duty of attending the wake and funeral services of one of our long time members, Sgt. Benjamin P. "Benny" Emerick of Uxbridge, MA. Benny was well known as the founder and director of several fife and drum corps and severed as principal director of the former Commonwealth F&D, the Captain James Buxton F&D, the AA Sherman Camp 18 of the SUVCW, The Sturbridge Martial Band, Uxbridge Minutemen and friend to so many others. If there was a committee or an organization that had anything to do with historical preservation and recognition, he was on it. Benny will be sorely missed by all that knew him. The Dept of MA color guard led the funeral procession into the grave site.

On Sunday May 25th, 2008, Camp 25, Worcester, MA and Auxiliary 25 participated in the Annual Water Ceremony held at Elm Park, Worcester, MA, at the Harriet H. Horgan Memorial Bridge. This ceremony was started by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and honors those lost at sea by tossing wreaths into the pond below. The longstanding city tradition is held each year in a tribute to men and women lost at sea during wartime or in other military tours. The ceremony has been attended by Camp 25 Brothers for many years.

On Sunday May 25th, 2008, I attended the Massachusetts National Cemetery Memorial Day Services held at Bourne, MA. As is the custom for this parade into the cemetery, the SUVCW was right up front in back of the band. The Color Guard and marching unit was made up of Brothers from across the state and CW re-enactors. After placing the wreath in memory of the Civil War Veterans, the SUVCW conducted a ceremony first at the single Unknown Soldier and then at the six Unknown Soldiers that are buried in the National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

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On Monday May 26th, 2008, I with Brothers of Camp 25, Worcester, MA and Auxiliary 25 participated in the 121st Annual Worcester, MA, Memorial Day Observance held at Hope Cemetery, Worcester, MA. At the conclusion of the main ceremonies, Camp 25 and Auxiliary 25 members conducted a brief ceremony at the grave sites of the two Medal of Honor Winners, Sgt. Major Charles H. Pinkham, 57th Massachusetts Infantry and Sgt. Thomas Plunkett, 21st Infantry Massachusetts Volunteers. We then traveled to Rural Cemetery to recognize Willie Grout's and George Ward's graves. On Memorial Day 1894, Willie Grout Camp 25 established a new custom of holding a special service at the grave of Willie Grout, this marked Camp 25's 114th anniversary of this tradition.

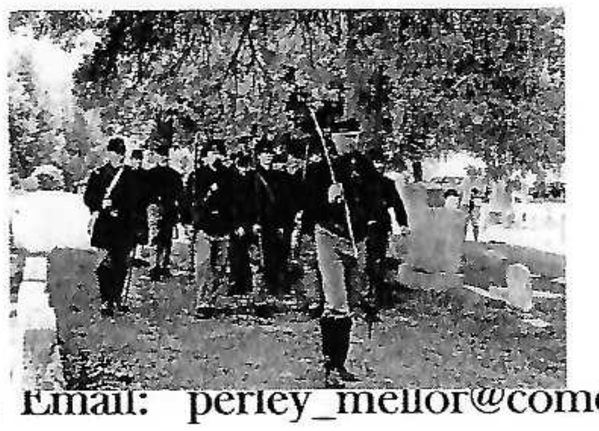
On May 30th, 2008, I attended the Memorial Day Services held by W.W. Brown Camp 1 and Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary No.7, of Hillsboro, NH. The services were held at the GAR lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, NH.

In the afternoon of May 30th, 2008, I attended the Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day Ceremony in Rindge, NH. I had escorted Diane Mellor National Chief of Staff. She was representing the Auxiliary National President Judith Trepanier at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

On May 31st, 2008, I had he extreme pleasure in assisting the Department of Rhode Island and C-in-C Kuhn with proudly giving honors and the proper internment of Pvt. Michael McElroy, 2nd Regiment Rhode Island Infantry Company D. The internment was in Prescott Post No 1, GAR Burial Site, North Burial Ground, Providence, RI. The ceremony was well attended by many National Officers, SUVCW Brother and Sisters from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland. The ceremony was also attended by the RI Army National Guard, Re-enactors and many members of the general public.

On June 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual New York Encampment in Waterloo, NY. This was the first Encampment that I had attended that DUVCW was a part of the Encampment. This was a pleasure to see. We need to have more Encampments like this with three or more organizations involved. The harmony was great among the Allied Orders; it was like being in New England again. On Sunday, after the Encampment there was a Memorial Service at the new American Civil War Memorial, Waterloo, NY (under construction). The American Civil War Memorial pays tribute to the sacrifice made by citizens of Waterloo during the Civil War, and recognizes the soldiers from the North and the South who gave their lives in the conflict. This is a must see Memorial.

On Sunday June 8th, 2008, Camp 104, Wakefield, MA, along with members of the 5th MA Battery (E) from Newton NH attended the Memorial Service for the family of Civil War Veteran James Chase Averill. Mrs. Evelyn F. Kacavas along with thirty-four members of the Averill family from across the country were in attendance to witness the GAR Memorial Service held at Highland Cemetery, Newburyport, MA. The ceremony was covered and reported by The Daily News, Newburyport, MA.



On Thursday June 12th, 2008, I assisted the Department of New Hampshire in the Initiation and Installation of Officers for the Major McKinley Camp # 9, Lebanon, NH. This is another new camp for the Department of New Hampshire. In attendance were Brothers and Sisters from throughout the state of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We also had the Auxiliary National Vice President Jan Harding from the Maryland/Delaware Department in attendance. The ceremony was conducted in the newly refurbished GAR Hall, Lebanon, NH.

On June 20th & 21st, 2008, I was honored to attend the Annual Department of Pennsylvania Encampment held in Ligonier, PA. This was the first time that I had visited the PA Encampment. We were made to feel right at home while we were at the Encampment. At this Encampment they also had the DUVCW as part of the Encampment. The unity was everywhere that we went during the PA Encampment. As a side trip we went to Fort Ligonier which dates back to the French and Indian War in 1758 -1766.

On June 29th, 2008, I presented my first SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Sean T. Eagan from Chelmsford, MA. This was a new road that I have not taken before, but it will happen again.

On July 4th, 2008, the Town of Wakefield, MA, held its Annual 4th of July Parade. Camp 104, Wakefield, MA Color Guard was right up front in the parade. This parade is billed as the largest 4th of July Parade in the area. As they bring in bands from around the country. The parade lasted for about 2 ½ hours before it concluded.

On July 19th, 2008, the New England Regional Association will hold its annual meeting at the Veterans Headquarters, Weirs Beach, Laconia, NH. This will be the end of my year as N E Regional Commander.

On September 27th, 2008, Camp 129 Haverhill, MA, will be having a Memorial Service to recognize the final resting place of 111 forgotten Civil War Soldiers. The Memorial Service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, 96 Salem St., Bradford, MA at 1:00 P.M. The camp has been installing brass plaques for the past two years on these forgotten graves.

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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Perley E. Mellor
Department Commander

October 30, 2008

TO: Commander in Chief David V. Medert,

It was an absolute pleasure and an honor for the Department of Massachusetts to have been chosen to be the host of the 2008 National Encampment for the Allied Orders in Peabody, Massachusetts. As usual it is always a pleasant time when the Allied Orders get together for any event. The road to 2008 National; Encampment was a long one that took approx. three years to complete and two Department Commanders in the process. If it wasn't for the hard work, long hours and many meetings of the host committee working so well together, the 2008 Encampment would not have been as successful as it was.

On August 11th, 2008, I and several Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Massachusetts went to Northbridge, MA to rededicate the Northbridge (Whitinsville), the Roll of Honor from 1872. This document was found while cleaning out an old town building. They had it cleaned up and new glass installed to replace the broken one in the frame. The document was rededicated by the SUVCW and returned to the town for safe keeping. The Honor Roll was going too be hung in the Town of Northbridge's Council chambers. We were also honored to meet the descendants of Private David Casey, the town's only Medal of Honor winner.

On Saturday September 20th, 2008, the newly restored Soldiers and Sailors Monument was rededicated in a moving and colorful ceremony at the Charlestown, MA Training Field. There were bagpipes and a bugler, color guards and a musket salute as Charlestown residents celebrated the renewal of an important monument and the 4,000 citizens of Charlestown who served in the Civil War. The rededication ceremony, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society in conjunction with Bunker Hill Post 26, the American Legion, was the culmination of a 15 month effort by CPS to raise funds to professionally conserve the 1872 statue, which honors Charlestown veterans of the Civil War. The color guards were made up of the USS Constitution, Chelsea Soldiers Home, Korean War Veterans of Massachusetts, Charlestown Militia Company 1775, Colonel Thomas Gardner Regiment and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On Sunday September 21st, 2008 the City of Taunton, Ma, dedicated the corner where Hopewell, Danforth and West Britannia Streets come together is now marked forever in history by a bronze plaque. The dedication took place on the site of the former Mechanic's Hall where Abraham Lincoln spoke in 1848. The special dedication organized by the Taunton Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, was one of many country-wide celebrations honoring the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in February 2009. Honor guards from the VFW Post 611, the Disabled American Veterans, Taunton Camp 26, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Taunton Fire Department were also represented.

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October 30th, 2008

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo
Douglas E. Jenkins, center, waits as Perley Mellor, left, and Kevin Tucker present a wreath during the memorial dedication.

On Saturday September 27th, 2008, William Jenkins Camp 129 Haverhill, MA, held a Memorial Service to honor the previously unmarked fallen heroes of the Civil War located in Elmwood Cemetery, Bradford, MA. The ceremony concluded a four year project by Camp 129 to locate, research, identify and orders markers for 111 unmarked and forgotten graves of veterans of the Civil War in Elmwood Cemetery. Their next project is to gather all the required paperwork the U.S. Government requires for the last nine unmarked graves. These graves were found on old maps and were not included in the first 111 markers.

On Saturday October 11th, 2008, my wife Diane and I had an opportunity to attend the Testimonial Luncheon for National President Janice Harding. The luncheon was held at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD. JVCinC James Hanby was one of the main speakers at the luncheon. A great time was had by all that attended.

On Sunday October 12th, 2008, L.A. Tifft Camp 15, Springfield, MA, and Willie Grout Camp 25 Worcester, MA, teamed up to form a color guard for the Worcester, MA Columbus Day parade. The color guards were also the lead unit in this parade.

On Monday October 13th, 2008, L.A. Tifft Camp 15, Springfield MA, marched in and lead the Columbus Day parade, Revere, MA. The camp has made this parade an event for them to march in for the past several years.

On Sunday October 13th, 2008, L.A. Tifft Camp 15 and Auxiliary 10 Springfield, MA, both participated in a memorial service for all fallen soldiers at the Hampden, MA, VFW. This event followed the parade in Revere, MA. This is about an hour and half distance apart.

In one of the e-mails that we received from Ernie Blevins, was a request for assistance to a Jessica Jenkins in her research of Connecticut Civil War history. I forwarded her request to the Department Commander of CT and they have started the contact with Jessica Jenkins in her quest for information.

On Friday and Saturday October 17th & 18th, 2008, the Department of Rhode Island hosted the fall meeting of the New England Regional Association. On Friday night the Department of RI held a Luminaria & Candlelight tour of the North Burial Ground Cemetery, Providence, RI. On Saturday, we held our business meeting with four states present. On Saturday evening the Dept of RI hosted the First Annual Fall Minie Ball at the Comfort Inn, Pawtucket, RI. Music was provided by the Providence Brigade Band. The members that were

present had a great time. SVCinC Leo Kennedy came as a member and a representative of the National Order. Hope the Minie Ball happens again next year.

On Saturday October 18th, 2008, Brother Bob Ducharme Camp 25, Worcester, MA, in conjunction with Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridors "Walking Weekends"& the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum, conducted a walk on the Clara Barton Birthplace property entitled "The Daily Life of a Civil War Soldier". The presentation took place within a short walk that included five stops where he discussed (1) The introduction (2) the clothing (3) the equipment (4) an example of an extended stay or garrison camp and (5) an example of an active campaign camp of a soldier who served in the Civil War. The presentation culminated with Bob's first person impression of Andrew B. Yeoman a soldier in the 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regt. Whom he has researched for nearly 17 years. Yeoman described his experiences on the march from Fredericksburg to Gettysburg culminating in his description of his and the 15th's part in turning back Pickett's Charge.
The walk was well attended with 53 people showing up on what turned out to be a beautiful day. Included in the participants was Dave Ward and his son Bob, descendants of Colonel George Ward of the 15th Mass, who was mortally wounded at Gettysburg. Also in attendance were a woman from Great Britain and a woman and her daughter, who was a Civil War "buff", who traveled an hour and half from Chester, CT.

On Thursday October 23rd, 2008, I and several Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Massachusetts SUV & Auxiliary Initiated and Installed a new camp in Scituate, MA. The new camp is called Satuit Camp 3188, Scituate, MA. The camp was started with 27 Applications for membership to the SUVCW. The ceremony was held in the newly renovated (1826) GAR Hall, which is owned by the Scituate Historical Society. One of the prized positions of the GAR Hall is a print of the Battle of Gettysburg signed by Gen. George Meade.

New Brothers Camp 3188

Installing Team

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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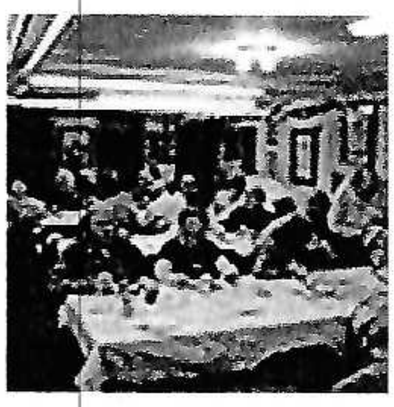
March 25, 2009

TO: Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert,

This will be my last report as the Department Commander of Massachusetts. I will be going out of office at our April 2009 Encampment.

On November 1st, 2008, the Friends of Major General Benjamin F. Butler Society held its annual ceremony at the grave site of General Butler. This event is held on the weekend nearest to General Butler's birthday which is November 5th. The speaker for the day was Professor Michael Pierson of Chelmsford, Professor of History at the University of Mass at Lowell MA. In attendance were several Brother and Sister of the SUVCW and ASUVCW. There were also several members of the public in attendance as well as a reporter from the Lowell Sun Newspaper. This is one of the very few times this locked family cemetery is open to the public. Noted Civil War Major General Adelbert Ames of the 20th Maine who married General Butler's daughter, Blanche, is also interred in Hildreth Family Cemetery. To the left is a photo of General Butler's head stone with some of the Brothers and Sisters.



On November 8th, 2008, General Frederick Lander Camp 5, Lynn, MA held its 1st Annual Franks & Bean Supper at the Lynn G.A.R. Hall, Lynn, MA. Camp 5 is re-establishing an annual G.A.R. tradition of inviting members, veterans and their families to a franks and bean dinner in order to promote camaraderie and fraternity. SUVCW Members, ASUVCW Member, Round Table Members and local Veterans were invited. The dinner turned out to be a great success for the Camp. There were approx. 50 people in attendance. They are hoping for a larger attendance next year.

On November 11th, 2008, I and Brothers from three (3) different Camps marched in the Annual Woburn Veteran's Day parade. Made even more special as it was also re-dedication day for the Woburn's Civil War Monument in the center of Woburn, MA. The town of Woburn had just completed extensive repairs for this, another wonderful Martin Milmore creation. The town of Woburn was very gracious in their acknowledge of the various groups that marched in their parade. Many veterans groups participated, good speakers, not long winded.

On November 19th, 2008, I installed one of the oldest Camps in the state of Massachusetts, General D.N. Couch Camp 26, Taunton, MA. For a small camp they try to be part of all the activities that are going on in their part of the state.

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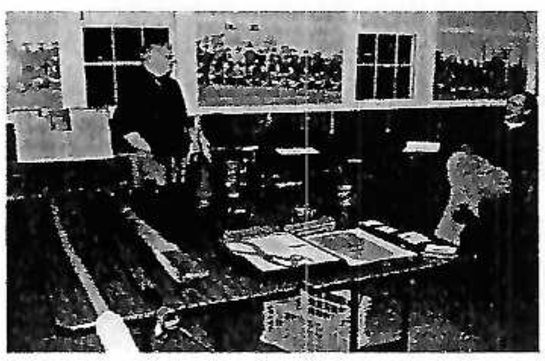
On November 20th, 2008, the Department of Massachusetts started its 9th Annual Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg PA to participate in the parade and ceremonies that take place during the weekend. Despite the bitter cold of the day several of the Brother and Sisters paid their respect with a short ceremony at the gravesites of the veterans that buried in the National cemetery. The department started the weekend out with a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with lunch at General Pickett's Buffet on Friday. Even though it was bitterly cold for the parade it started on time with a large number of viewers to see the parade. This year the parade seemed to be larger than in past years. At this rate of increase to the parade marcher we could see a parade that last for more than two (2) hours in the future.

After returning to New England on Sunday I installed the Officers of Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester, MA. on Monday November 24th, 2008

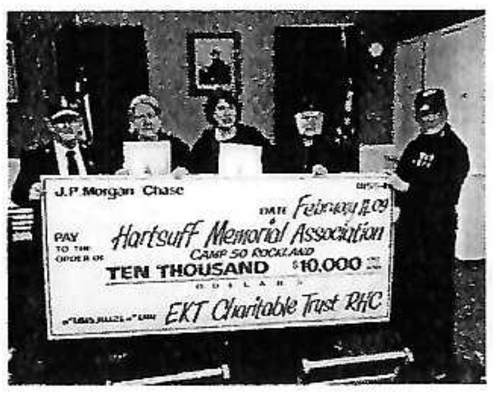
On Tuesday November 25th, 2008, I installed the Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield, MA. When you are the Department Commander, it doesn't seem to slow down no matter what the season is. There is always someone, something, or someplace that requires your attention either by e-mail or in person.

On Sunday December 8th, 2008, Sr Vice Commander Kevin Tucker placed a Christmas wreath on Brother Wood's grave at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, MA. The Department of Massachusetts SUVCW has an endowment to place this wreath each and every year. The Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary has a similar endowment to place a wreath in May on his grave.



During a normal business meeting of Satuit Camp 3188, Scituate, MA, on December 11th, 2008, the Brothers held a Show and Tell portion to enhance their meeting. Dudley Letson, a collector and subject matter expert on Civil War cannon's prompted many questions. The camp tries to have something like this for every meeting.

On Monday December 15th, 2008, I installed General Lander Camp 5, Lynn, MA. I have made it a point to visit each and every camp during my term in office even if it is only install the camp during that visit.



During the month of November & December 2008 the General George L. Hartsuff Association applied for and received their 501(c) 3 from the IRS. The Hartsuff Association runs the wooden G.A.R. Hall located in Rockland, MA. At this location is where the Department of Massachusetts SUVCW has its depot and also this is where the General George L. Hartsuff Camp 50 meets on a regular basis. By the Association changing their status, they were able to receive a grant for $10,000.00 to replace the

well worn roof. This will also allow them to apply for other grants to complete other badly needed repairs to the building

The year 2009, started the same way that 2008 ended an installation of the Officers of L.A. Tifft Camp 15, Springfield, MA, and then a Holiday party in Concord New Hampshire for the camp that I belong to that evening. As always Auxiliary 10, Springfield MA put on a great dinner for all of the attendees to the installation.

On Tuesday January 14th, 2009, I installed the Officers of General George L. Hartsuff Camp 50 in Rockland, MA.

For the first time Willie Grout Camp 25 and Willie Grout Auxiliary 25, Worcester, MA, held a Holiday party together in a restaurant on January 17th, 2009. The attendance was low but it was the first time it had been tried. Over time it will grow into something much larger.

On February 8th, 2009, the Department of Massachusetts held its Annual Lincoln Bicentennial Birthday Brunch in association with the Massachusetts Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. This year's featured speaker was Dr. William F. Hanna, author of Abraham Among the Yankees. Dr. Hanna gave a talk on Abraham Lincoln's 1848 visit to Massachusetts. He covered how Congressman. Lincoln was received in all the towns in Massachusetts where he was stumping to bolster support for Zachary Taylor. Dr. Hanna new his subject inside and out. He also had copies of his book for sale after his talk at the 1983 price of $4.00. A great time was had by all who attended the event. Some were saying that this was their first time at the Lincoln brunch, but they won't miss another one.

On March 1st, 2009, the Department of Massachusetts lost one of its long time members, Past Department Commander Francis J. "Frank" Tucker passed away. Frank was a life member of the VFW, elected Mass State Commander in 1990. He was a Past State Commander and Past National Sr. Vice Commander of the Army and Navy Union, Past Chapter Commander of the DAV, Charter Member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Life Member of Post #12 Franco American Veterans, Honorary Life Member of the Haifa Israel Post of Jewish War Veterans, Life Member and Past Mass Department Commander of the SUVCW. In 1990 Frank organized the 11th Mass Volunteer Infantry as a ceremonial organization honoring soldiers of the American Civil War. Frank also began working with the Capitol Police in 1948 and retired in 1990 as the longest serving member of the force after 47 years on the Mass Capitol Police at the State House in Boston, MA. Frank was interned with military honors in Peabody, MA on March 6, 2009. Frank had a wealth of knowledge to give; he will be missed by all

On Sunday March 8th, 2009, I and my wife and most of my family attended something a little different. There is a group of 20 local "Living History" Re-Enactors that put on a Lincoln Civil War Dinner. They also re-created Lincoln's 2nd Inauguration and Presidential Ball. The entire time that we there the entire cast stayed dressed in period clothing and they shared stories of life in the 1860's. The whole program and the dinner was

all for the large sum of $10.00 per person. As of right now I believe that the SUVCW will be gaining at least one new member and possible more in the future.

On Saturday, March 14th, 2009, the Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Wakefield, MA hosted a corned beef and cabbage dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The invitation went out to whole Department of MA., at no cost to anyone. A grand time was had by all who attended the dinner.

On Saturday March 21st, 2009, the New England Regional Association held its Spring meeting that was hosted by the Department of Connecticut SUVCW and ASUVCW. The meeting was held in the G.A.R. Museum (Vernon Town Hall), Rockville CT. The meeting was attended by approx. 45 Brother, Sister and Visitors. .Five of the six New England states were represented at the meeting.

The Department of Massachusetts now has a new/old camp on its roster. On Sunday March 22nd, 2009, the Department Initiated and Installed the old and new Brothers of Bay State Camp 61. They will have a start date of March 22, 2009. This camp had been floundering for quite some time and my Department Organizer decided to try and re-organize the camp. After a lot of work and many letters, e-mails and telephone calls Bay State Camp 61 was started as a new camp in the Department of Massachusetts, due to a lack of Brothers from the old camp attending the meeting.

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April 24, 2009

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FROM: Kevin P. Tucker, Chairman
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RE: 2008 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT HOST COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

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In addition, National President, (ASUVCW) Judith Trepanier served as ex-officio members of the Committee.

This is the final report of the Department of Massachusetts National Encampment Host Committee. The 2008 National Encampment took place on August 7th through 10th, 2008, at the Boston Marriott Peabody, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA. This Committee has fulfilled its purpose and, with this report, will cease functioning.

The Encampment Committee was charged with the coordination of twenty separate aspects of the National Encampment, including contracting with the hotel for rooms and meeting rooms, assembling and printing of programs, hiring entertainment and coordinating the program for the Camp Fire and social hour, contracting and coordinating the Encampment banquet, facilitating the joint Memorial Service, advertising in the Banner, collecting items and assembling goodie bags for Members, coordinating cash flow and finances, writing invitations for local and national politicians and VIPs, creating and purchasing Encampment ribbons, obtaining floral arrangements, coordinating various breakfasts, lunches and dinners of other parts of the organizations, preparing media packets and contacting the media for publicity, organizing the Encampment tour and transportation, soliciting greetings and proclamations from the city and state, selling program ads, soliciting donations of gifts for door prizes, develop fundraising merchandise, recruiting committee members and volunteers, facilitating Encampment registration, and reviewing and developing safety and evacuation programs.

In addition to these aspects, there were many more which were unique to our encampment, such as operating a shuttle service between the Logan Express terminal and the hotel, coordinating a trolley tour of Boston historic sites, in addition to the Encampment tour, and hosting a hospitality suite on behalf of the New England Regional Association.

Coordinating all of this was a tremendous effort, taking three years from beginning to conclusion. Fortunately, this committee was blessed with the brightest and hardest-working Members of the Sons, Auxiliary and LGAR in the Department. Every Member assisted all others with every task. All were determined that this would be the best Encampment ever.

PDC Bates oversaw the fabrication of all medals and money clips. He produced, in my opinion, the finest Encampment medal I have seen since joining the organization, along with a remarkable commemorative medal honoring a great Bay State Hero. All were determined, despite having to deal with adversity and some negativity, to make the 2008 National Encampment not only a success, but a new benchmark by which the success of other Encampments will be judged.

Brother Ed Norris put together a great Encampment Program book, researching the most cost effective and aesthetically pleasing formats to arrive at a program book that will be hard to duplicate in subsequent Encampments. Ed also handled advertising in the program book, and we did not hear one complaint about the print quality of the ads, something past Encampments had issues with.

Ed Knight, PCC, did the heavy lifting, putting together and transporting the Goodie Bags. He also did a great deal of work in obtaining informational materials for the bags, as well as soliciting donations from companies around the state.

What Eleanor Lowe was lacking in physical abilities, she more than made up for in her experience and ability to guide us along as we attempted to coordinate all of the various activities. She was tough and demanding, but sweet and funny, and it was our great pleasure to receive her counsel on approaching our jobs.

(Commander Mellor) You and you wife Diane had perhaps the toughest job: figuring out where we could get the money to pay for all this. You both were able to coordinate our cash flow in such a way that we never went into the red, while being hit from every directions with bills and receipts. Not did you only have a tight handle on the Encampment finances, but you both, with the able assistance of your daughters, put together a fantastic Encampment banquet with dazzling decorations.

JVC Maple was charged with obtaining donations for door prizes and procuring floral arrangements for the Encampment. That was the easy part. He was also responsible for coordinating registration activities throughout the Encampment, from procuring computers to counting "voting cards", Brother Maple was hard at work all weekend.

PDP Fournier was our graphic artist, putting together and printing our banquet and Campfire programs, as well as name tags. She also was responsible for ordering our Encampment ribbons. On the ground, she manned the fundraising tables and assisted with Goodie Bag distribution.

Sister Siefert was a fund-raising force of nature. She is an amazing and untiring sales machine. She coordinated procuring items for our raffles, sold tickets, worked the sales tables, assisted in processing Members and distributed Goodie Bags.

I was responsible for coordinating advertising for the Encampment, as well as media coordination. I assisted with the shuttle vans to and from the hotel, as well as coordinating all hotel activity, including all meals aside from the Encampment banquet. I put together the tours and Memorial service, and was responsible for assuring the Encampment took place in a safe environment. In addition, I handled invitations for VIPs and politicians, as well as soliciting greetings and proclamations.

Although we began bringing materials into the hotel and putting programs and "goodie bags" together on Wednesday evening. Thursday, August 7th, we set up registration tables and began processing Delegates, creating name tags, handing out "goodie bags"

and selling Encampment fundraising merchandise. Sisters Nancy Fornier, PDP, and Mary Ellen Siefert manned the fundraising and "goodie-bag" tables, along with Brother Danny Burns, and were kept busy throughout the day.

The Encampment "officially" began with our trolley tour of the Freedom Trail around Boston, which was well received by Brothers visiting Boston for the first time. This was followed by a guided tour of the Massachusetts State House and a brief memorial ceremony at the Hall of Flags, where Massachusetts regiments placed their blood stained colors after the Civil War.

Following the State House ceremony, we continued on to historic Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, the nation's first garden cemetery. Here National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, assisted by our Department SVR contingent, (led by Brother Peter Rotando) conducted a touching memorial service inside the Bigelow Chapel. It was a great privilege for our order to hold a memorial service at the amazing gothic revival chapel, and those in attendance were amazed at the beauty of the architecture and grounds.

Unfortunately, outside the Bigelow Chapel, the weather wasn't very cooperative. The second part of our planned ceremony, a wreath-laying at Martin Milmore's American Sphinx Civil War Memorial, had to be cancelled because of safety concerns due to a very active lightening storm which erupted during our visit. Members did get to view the astounding sculpture as the trolleys passed by on their way back to the hotel.

Friday morning, following the Mason's Breakfast, the National Chaplains from each organization conducted our annual Memorial Service in the large ballroom, which also served as the SUVCW meeting room. This was followed by a Joint Opening of the Encampment by the Sons and Auxiliary, before the organizations disbursed to their respective meeting rooms to begin their business sessions.

I want to again mention the great service provided by Members of the SVR throughout the entire Encampment. Brother Rotando and his troops performed guard and escort duties in a dedicated and profession manner, and made us all proud that they represent the Department and the region.

Friday evening, following the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents Dinner, the organizations got together for our annual Encampment Campfire and Courtesy Hour. The Campfire entertainment, put on by the Big Smile production company of Beverly, was among the best we've ever seen at any National Encampment, and the Committee received a great deal of praise and positive feedback from Members of all the organizations.

We had great participation in the skits for our courtesy hour, and Brother Eugene Murtoff, along with Sister Diane Mellor, performed admirably as master and mistress of ceremonies.

Later in the evening, the Department of Massachusetts joined with the Department of New Hampshire to host a New England Regional hospitality room for our Brothers and Sisters attending the Encampment. This was a rousing success and a chance for us New Englanders to show our warmth and hospitality. It should be mentioned that Brother Danny Burns set up the room and manned the bare throughout the Encampment, and did a great job of making everyone feel welcome.

Saturday morning began bright and early with the annual SVR Breakfast at 7 AM. Almost immediately as the event broke up, we were all back in our meeting rooms to continue conducting the business of the order. The day seemed to fly by quickly, and before we knew it, we had elected and installed new National Officers, and our business was concluded.

Following the conclusion of business, we held our annual Encampment Banquet. Our menu featured chicken, steak, and a taste of New England in the form of Boston Scrod, which was the overwhelming choice for those attending. The room was decorated magnificently with large Union Soldier statues serving as the centerpieces at each table. We heard great approval of both the food and the decorations, as well as the service provided by the hotel. As an added bonus, the statues were given to those in attendance as a souvenir of the Encampment.

Sunday morning, National Chaplain Kowalski held a church service as the Council of Administration met for the final time at the Encampment. When these were concluded, we continued shuttling Members from the hotel to the Logan Express terminal until the last attendee had departed.

I received many cards, letters and emails from Brothers and Sisters across the country complimenting us on the great job we did hosting the 2008 National Encampment. Many told me that it was the best that they had ever attended. Every member of the Committee is humbled by the expressions of gratitude we received, and feel honored to have made such a good impression on our Brothers and Sisters from around the country.

In addition to the hardest working Committee Members in the organization, there were many volunteers who worked diligently, came early and left late, and, in general, went far above and beyond what would have been expected of them. I would like to cite a few here, if I might be indulged.

Because the National Organization mandates that rooms for Members should be less than $100, finances dictated that we hold the Encampment away from Boston's quite expensive downtown area. However, National also mandates that affordable transportation be available for Members transferring from the airport to the hotel. The Logan Express was an affordable convenience, but the terminal is several miles away from the hotel, and the Peabody Marriott does not offer any type of shuttle service.

It became clear that we would have to be responsible for shuttling passengers back and forth between the Logan Express Terminal and the hotel. Furthermore, with attendees arriving beginning Wednesday, the 6th of August, and departing on Sunday afternoon, we would have to provide coverage from early in the morning until late at night on all five of the days included in that stretch.

The Committee sent out a request to our Membership for volunteers to drive shuttle vans for the duration of the Encampment. Brothers Murray and Kenworthy volunteered to help where they could, but their schedules limited the time they were able to assist in shuttling passengers. However, Brother Richard Nichols saved the day. Brother Nichols drove from morning until evening every day of the Encampment. Without his great efforts, the Encampment might have been a failure. Instead, everyone who was chauffeured by Brother Nichols had nothing but praise for the service he provided. It is no exaggeration to say that the Encampment was a success in no small part, by Brother Nichols' service.

Another Brother that should be recognized for his service is Past Camp Commander Daniel Burns, who seemed to be everywhere during the Encampment, assisting in whatever was needed to be done. He helped in setting up merchandise for the fundraising tables, coordinating the display room, stocking and bar-tending at the hospitality room, and much more. Brother Burns gave all our Members from around the country a sample of New England hospitality, and we should all be proud to have been represented by him.

Also deserving of our sincere thanks are Brother Ed Kelley and his wife Mary, Sandy Bates, Mary Catherine Knight, Robin Maple, Heather and Michael Needleman, Veronica Mellor, Dan and Linda Murray, and Stuart Chambers, and many other whom I may have omitted, all of whom gave an enormous amount of their time and talent to make every event of the 2008 National Encampment a great success.

The 2008 National Encampment was a resounding success, and a credit to the Department of Massachusetts. The Committee, with the assistance of dozens of volunteers from both the Sons and Auxiliary, performed beyond anyone's expectations, and delivered to our Brothers and Sisters across the country, a National Encampment that they will long remember. It has been an honor to serve as chairman of this Committee, and if called on by any member of this committee with whom I served to assist them with any project, in any way, I will jump at the chance to work with them again.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kevin P. Tucker, Chairman
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Report of Junior Vice Commander and Signals Officer

In the past year it has been my privilege to serve both as Junior Vice Commander and Signals Officer for the Department.

As Junior Vice Commander, I assisted at the National Encampment. I attended several department officer meetings. I attended 2 of the Camp 1 reorganization meetings. I forwarded 3 members sent from National to the Camps requested by the new members. I attended the Lincoln Brunch and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. I attended the funerals of PDC Frank Tucker and Ed Parks and Brother Ben Emerick. I also attended the wakes of PDC Frank Tucker and Ed Parks and Brother Ben Emerick and PDP Mellor. I attended Memorial Day activities in Worcester.

As Signals Officer, I posted the Department Orders issued by DC Mellor and draped it in memorial when requested. I have posted trip and encampment information as it was presented to me.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
George Maple
JVC, Signals Officer, Dept of Mass, SUVCW

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April 25, 2009

Commander Mellor and Brothers of the 127th Annual Encampment,

It has been a privilege to be appointed to the office of Secretary of the Massachusetts Department. The last six months have been busy and very interesting.

Due to some questions being raised about decisions made at past Encampments and the lack of detailed minutes of proceedings to verify the questions and/or answers, I asked at the last Department Officer's meeting, if I could purchase a digital voice recorder using funds from the Department Secretary's budget. It was approved and a voice recorder has been purchased to be used at annual Department Encampments and at future Officer's meetings.

As Department Secretary, I have not always agreed with my superiors decisions, and if I thought them egregious enough I have put my objections in writing.

I have found in going through records turned over to me that the application procedure for new members has not always been followed up on, and the Department has lost members because of it. In one case, it took a Brother over a year and a half to get on the rolls. He did become enrolled only because of him being persistent about joining. As Department and Camp officers, we need to be more diligent in the processing of new applications.

The position of Department Organizer is vital to the growth of the Department in bringing in new camps. In the current job description for Department Organizer, one thing it states is, "Ensuring that all new Camp organization and chartering paperwork is completed and fees are submitted to the Department Secretary."

The Organizer needs to be well versed in the CR&R and in all applicable paperwork and forms. It is a fairly straight-forward proposition and it should not take months to straighten out the paperwork and money after a Camp is instituted.

I have requested special funding this year to be able to publish the proceedings going back to 1999. Proceedings are required by Department By-laws to be published after every annual Encampment. The 2008 proceedings have now been done.

I recommend that the Department Secretary for 2009 – 2010, early in his term, should conduct a voluntary class for all Camp Secretaries and the Department Organizer on how to fill out and submit all forms to Department and National. This will alleviate a lot of the problems with paperwork submitted incomplete and in an untimely fashion.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Daniel W. Murray, PDC
MA Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT
As verbally reported by John Bates

I will be submitting a written report to the Secretary. If I could paraphrase it, it is on my computer actually. The Department Council is reviewing the budget. We will be presenting it later. We have a lot of things to discuss. The rest of the details, I will supply with my written report which I will be submitting to the Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT
As verbally reported by Peter Rotando

Seventh Annual Audit review of Treasurer's office, Department Finances, on Sunday April 19, 2009. I had the opportunity to meet with Department Treasurer Ed Norris to review his computer records and paper back-up of our Department expenses for the past year. I checked the record of payouts and corresponding checks and receipts to be in order. All checks or voided checks are properly accounted for.
A review of our securities this year, unfortunately due to the current economic climate, we have experienced losses. However, given the value as of March 31, 2009, I believe there should be funds available to support a budget in the coming year of $19,000 plus. The statement for April 2009 will be more definite. The budget for the past year was a little more given the hosting of the National Encampment. The fact that there were items in the budget such as the Department Newsletter and stone replacement that were not utilized made a budget of $19,000 very realistic. I would like to thank the Department Treasurer for his excellent work in the maintenance of his records and methods of cross reference for easy access. I would like to add, though I mentioned those two items in the budget, I think they are important to the work of our Order and should be expended annually to declare a need for that type of funding. Thank you, Peter Rotando

Report of Graves Registration Officer for Dept. of Massachusetts
2009

As of April 24, 2009, 23,733 graves of Mass. Soldiers have been recorded in the SUV National Database of which 21,602 were recorded in Mass. It has been estimated that over 150,000 citizens of Mass. Served in the Civil War. Not all of these will be found or recorded since many were recorded as MIA and/or buried in unknown graves. It is obvious that we still have a long way to go but many thanks go out to all of the hard work and time put in so far by the camp GRO's and the camp members.

To date the Dept. of Mass. has purchased and is distributing $2000 worth of Veteran and GAR grave markers to the camps for installation on Civil War graves that do not have markers. Several of the camps have requested over 100 markers each for this coming season far out stripping the current supply. I myself have replaced American Legion markers with the Veteran and/or GAR markers as needed in my own home town. I would recommend that the Dept. consider purchasing more grave markers as funds allow in this coming year.

Also this year, with the assistance of several members of the Dept, I have responded to several email inquiries to many people in regards to requests for information on graves and soldiers from Mass. I also have assisted in the recording of over 30 graves from Aroostook and Washington Counties in Maine. In addition, I assisted the Veterans agent and cemetery commission in Machias Maine by providing information to replace multiple Civil War grave stones destroyed by vandals and in contacting the Dept. of Maine GRO for their input and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Knight

Graves Registration Officer
Dept. of Massachusetts
SUVCW

Camp 5
As verbally reported by Dexter Bishop

Camp 5 for this past year has continued to build its membership and we are up to twelve at this point in time. We've also participated in a number of events, one being that we did a re-dedication of the G.A.R. Hall down in Manchester-by-the-Sea, at which time members of the Department and our Camp and several other Camps came. We had a very good time there. We also in May of last year, we did a rededication of the Lynn G.A.R. lot in Lynn, where there are five hundred Civil War veterans buried. We are in the process now of working up another program for the coming Memorial Day and we invite all to attend. It will be the 21st of May at approximately 6:45 to 7 o'clock. You are all invited. Thank you.

Camp 26
As given verbally by ___Wendell Presbey

I don't know the figures but I know Donald French sent them in to you via Mr. Ryerson. We've started a marker program and we have all the VFW, Legion, DAV, everything in line right now. We're doing markers for the Revolutionary as well as Civil War and any veterans that their stone is destroyed and they're flat markers right to the ground so lawn mowers won't bother them.

Willie Grant Camp 25 SUVCW

2009 Report

2 new members of the Camp

5 Eagle Scout Awards

participated in Columbus Day Parade Worcester

participated Water Ceremony Memorial Sunday in Uxbr

participated + read Gen. Logans Order Memorial Day Parade in Worcester

Lincolns Birthday party w/ ladies Aux in January

found over 400 Civil War vets who were residents of Worcester + members of Geo H Ward Post 10 GAR in Worcester and visit or on burial lists

last few years we've added CW veterans in Worcester Cemeteries

402 St Johns Cemetery Worcester

100+ Hope Cemetery Worcester

3 Notre Dame Cemetery Worcester

1 Rural Cemetery Worcester

Camp 50

As verbally reported by Bob Borden

Bob Borden, Commander, Hartsuff Camp 50, Rockland. We are currently at about fifteen members, last time I looked. The Camp meets the second Wednesdays in the original G.A.R. Hall in downtown Rockland. In this past year we have been establishing a closer liaison with the town historical commission. The hall was open for their annual Christmas Stroll again, second year. We are rotating various pictures and portraits from the hall into the town hall on temporary exhibition to get a bit more public realization of what that building is. As you may know, we meet in the original G.A.R. Hall which over the years has been both a blessing and a financial curse. The building legally is owned by the Hartsuff Post Memorial Association, a separate legal entity. Hartsuff Post Memorial Association has been recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 organization. And the minute it happened we were blessed with a $10,000 donation by private foundation which will finish securing the roof. Work should start probably within another week or so. Once the roof is secured, my dream is the next thing is the ceiling in the great hall on the second floor will be, shall we say, secured or restored. (Commander Mellor asked is it still tin?) No, I wish it was, it's plaster. We know that because tin does not fall down when it gets wet. (laughter) But after all these years, I'm beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. I don't think it's an oncoming train. The paperwork of the 501c3, which took 27 pages, was done for us free. So all in all, things are looking up. That concludes it sir. I've tried to be both oral and brief.

Camp 61

As verbally reported by Wm. Ryerson

Commander Mellor, Officers and members of the SUVCW, Camp 61 finally got off to a start on March 22nd. We had a struggle. We tried to re-organize the Camp and, but due to the fact most of the former members are also snowbirds like our beloved chaplain, they were in Florida, so we had to start a new Camp by the same name, Bay State Camp 61, and we have permission from Commander-in-Chief Medert and Commander Mellor and that's the route we had to take. So it's the old Bay State Camp 61 is now the newest Camp in the Department, Bay State Camp 61.

So, ah, we started; the Commander is Steve Twining who is on a Graves Registration project today out in the Western part of the state, and the Senior Vice Commander Paul Hussert from Tyngsboro couldn't be here so the Commander is Jeremy Ryerson who is the Junior Vice Commander. Stand up Jeremy. I told him he should be up here but he gave me a kick so I'm doing the duty. When we started up, we did have difficulties along the way. The former Camp 61 had about $12,000 in its treasury. Unfortunately, the Secretary Treasurer passed away suddenly in 19, uh, in 2001 and during all this struggle to get 61 back on it's feet, the limit, uh, the limit, uh, the statutory limit on recovering those funds had passed. We know where those funds are. It's a shame but the former Secretary Treasurer's daughter absconded with the funds so we can't recover that so we're starting out with no money but a lot of eagerness. We hope next year we can report our activities. In that this is a month and we have got a good start thanks to Commander Mellor and Commander-in-Chief Medert. Thank you.

Report of the Camp Commander for L. A. Tifft Camp #15, Dept. of Massachusetts

April 2008, The camp Color Guard was the lead Color Guard for the Shiner's Circus with the help of two tiger scouts from Pack 57 in Belchertown.
In May camp members along with Aux10 did memorial services in 2 cemeteries in Springfield Mass and Quabbin Memorial Park for Memorial Day. Also on Memorial Day the camp did a parade in Agawam.
The camp awarded one ROTC award to a student from Dean Vocational High School in Holyoke.
In July, Camp 15 along with Aux 10, held a joint picnic at the home of PCC Pat Moore.
In August, several members attended the National Encampment in Peabody MA.
In September, the Camp was supposed to participate in 2 parades but both were cancelled due to weather.
In Oct., Camp 15 did the Columbus Day parade in Revere Mass. Also that month, a special tour of the Springfield Armory was held in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the camp along with members of Aux. 10.
In November held election of officers.
January we held our installation of officers which also served as our holiday party with a collation provided by Auxiliary 10.
The camp award several Eagle Scout awards throughout the year.
Through the year, the camp bugler has attended as many funerals and services as could be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Knight
Camp Commander
L. A. Tifft Camp 15
Dept. of Mass.
SUVCW

For Department of Mass.,

Cmdr. Perley Mellor:

Re: Chas. H. Bond Camp # 104, Report of our

accomplishments for year 2008

Like other Camps we have had a productive year.

As most of the Brothers of our Dept. know, on March 1st we experienced a great loss within our Dept. & Camp # 104. Four time DC, Frank Tucker passed away.

A good friend & mentor. He knew how to express himself & made sure that everyone understood what should be done at a given time, or you would hear about it !

He always told us, regardless of what has occurred, that we all have to keep moving forward. One cannot live in the past, life goes on. As we are here today, we should all be looking to the future, to ask what more we can do for each other. What I am saying is not original, just a reminder of what our obligation is, as Brothers in our Great organization, the SUVCW. We all should be having some fun as we carry out our duties.

We have four Brothers who are Dual members in

Camp # 5, Lynn Mass., we chose to assist them when they wanted to become a Camp in the Dept. of Mass., as did Cmdr. Mellor. We have attended many of their meetings & continue to do so.

In February SVC, Tucker put together our Lincoln Brunch, our Guest & featured speaker, was Dr., Russell McClintock, author of Lincoln & the Decision for War.

In April, we were part of a memorial service in Woburn's

Olde Woodbrook Cemetery.

In October, as CC I participated in Woburn's living History, also in the Olde Woodbrook Cemetery, which at one time was part of Charlestown.

On April 24th, members of our camp assisted The Abraham Lincoln G. A. R. Post # 11, Charlestown, Mass.,

in the re-dedicatication of their Post.

We all had a good time at our Dept.Encampment.

Also in April, as CC, I attended the Encampment's of the Dept.'s of NH & Vt, along with other brothers of my camp.

May was a very busy month. We observed the 100th Birthday of Chas. H. Bond, who our Camp is named for.

Camp # 104 was part of the the annual Memorial Day Service, on Sunday the 25th of May, at the Bourne Nat'l Cemetery. Monday Memorial Day, Brothers of our Camp marched in Lynn's Memorial Day parade.

On June 8th, Brother Richard Nichols of Camp # 104, organized a Memorial Service in the New Highland Cemetery, Newburyport, Mass., for CW veteran James Averill, whose family members numbered 34 who attended from all over the U. S. & who has donated his service papers to the Bartlett Museum, Amesbury, Mass.

Camp # 104 had a large contingent, along with other members of CW groups who participated in this re-dedication

Some of Camp # 104's Brothers marched in Wakefield's

July 4th parade.

On July 13th & in Nov., we did Graves Registration in Wakefield's Lakeside Cemetery.

We, the Dept of Mass. had a wonderful Nat'l Encampment in early August in Peabody, Mass. We as a Dept. should be proud of what we all accomplished back in August. Great time.

September 20th, Camp # 104 & Camp # 5 had a large contingent in Charlestown, Mass. observing the newly restored Soldiers & Sailors Monument which was

re-dedicated at the Charlestown Training Field, near the Bunker Hill Monument.
Nov. 11 – Parade, Woburn re-dedication of CW monument, pics DC, MellorR
In November a group from the Dept. of Mass. traveled to Gettysburg, for the Annual Remembrance Day Observance & Parade, headed up by Brother Dan Murray.

Sorry to say that I am unable to report on our Christmas party as it was snowed out. Thank You,

Tim Callahan, Proud Cmdr.,

Chas. H Bond Camp # 104,

Dept. of Mass. SUVCW

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Department of Massachusetts

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report for
April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

SUMMARY

General Fund	$8,888.33
Permanent Fund	$306,607.46
G.A.R. Massachusetts Trusts	$191,079.52
Value of Merchandise for Sale	$30.00
Total	**$506,605.31**

Highlights from Last Year

- Successful review report for the fiscal year April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 completed by our CPA firm Letarte and Singleton of Leominster, Mass. as required by our Bylaws -- Article IV, Section VII.

- Filed IRS Form 990 as required by Federal Tax Codes.

- The stock portfolio was down this year which resulted in a 35.24% loss in value (from $371,234.24 to $240,419.12). During the same period the Dow Jones Industrial Average had a 39.99% loss (12,654.36 to 7,608.92).

- The dividend income for the past year was $22,076.93, which is a return of 5.95% on the beginning balance of $371,234.24. The estimated annual dividend income for 2009-2010 has a projected decreased of 13.19% from ($22,077 to $19,165). Allied Capital Corporation has ceased their dividends on March 26, 2009 (estimated at $3,141).

- On February 2, 2009 UDR Inc. paid a special dividend in the form of $0.3436 per share in cash and $0.9464 per share in stock. We received 121 shares. We now have 1,621 shares of that stock.

- The three Permanent Fund CDs increased 3.19% (from $64,143.68 to $66,188.34).

- The G.A.R. Trusts increased 2.68% (from $186,095.33 to $191,079.52). For comparison, last year's increase was 4.82% and 16.34% since March 31, 2005. For a frame of reference, if the same percentages were applied today as reported during 2005, the amounts would reflect:

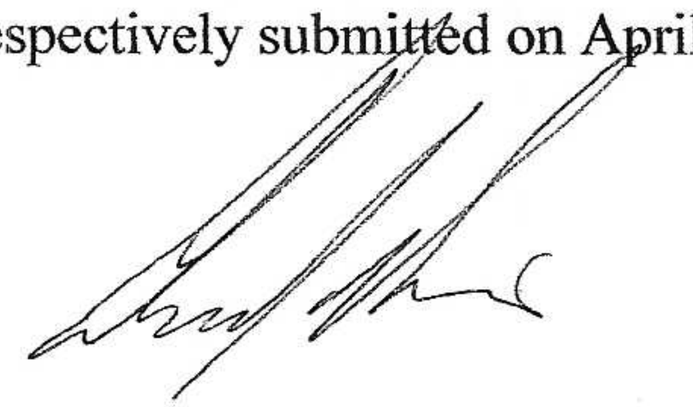
Fund Name	**2005 Amount**	**Percentage**	**Current Allocation**
Bridgeport Fund	$19,918.00	12.13%	$23,177.96
Cohen Fund	$23,956.00	14.59%	$27,878.50
Coppenhagen Fund	$39,946.00	24.32%	$46,470.54
Charles F. Ellis Fund	$14,672.54	8.93%	$17,063.40
G.A.R. Loring Fund	$18,989.00	11.56%	$22,088.79
George C. Marshall Fund	$11,868.00	7.23%	$13,815.05
Margaretha Myers Fund	$11,944.00	7.27%	$13,891.48
Wood Fund	$22,951.00	13.97%	$26,693.81
Total	**$164,244.54**	**100.00%**	**$191,079.52**

- The attached National Encampment report reflects the complete financial record but is different than the Department of Massachusetts' financial report. There were other sources of income (Auxiliary, Ladies of the GAR, etc.) and expenses. Our report is much simpler:

Contributions from 2007-2008	$5,200.00
Contributions from 2008-2009	$5,301.58
Total	$10,501.58
Returned to Department	$2,095.73
Net Cost	**$8,405.85**

- On October 2, 2008, Wells Fargo purchased Wachovia Securities. Our financial statements still reflect Wachovia.

Respectively submitted on April 25, 2009,



Ed Norris
Treasurer, Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attachments – 20 Pages

- General & Permanent Funds Balances – 1 page
- G.A.R. Massachusetts Trusts Balances – 1 page
- Budget – 3 pages
- Itemized Categories – 5 pages
- Stock Portfolio with A. G. Edwards Securities – 1 page
- National Encampment Account (provided by Perley Mellor, DC) – 2 pages
- Letarte & Singleton, CPAs Review Report – 7 pages

General & Permanent Funds - As of 3/31/2009

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 3/31/2009

Account	3/31/2009 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	8,888.33
Mayflower CD 301001361	27,512.72
Mayflower CD 310088241	30,029.39
Mayflower CD 310356664	8,646.23
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	**75,076.67**
Other Assets	
125th Dept Encampment Badge	30.00
TOTAL Other Assets	**30.00**
Investments	
Wachovia Securities	240,419.12
TOTAL Investments	**240,419.12**
TOTAL ASSETS	**315,525.79**
LIABILITIES	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**315,525.79**

G.A.R. Mass. Trust - As of 3/31/2009

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 3/31/2009

Account	3/31/2009 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Citizens 5231	16,634.10
Citizens 6289	64,619.62
HarborOne 1102620810	43,646.65
HarborOne 1102620943	21,094.64
HarborOne 1102625470	4,948.92
Mayflower 310345782	40,135.59
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	**191,079.52**
TOTAL ASSETS	**191,079.52**
LIABILITIES	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**191,079.52**

Budget 2008-2009

4/1/2008 through 3/31/2009 Using Budget 2008-2009

Category Description	4/1/2008 Actual	- Budget	3/31/2009 Difference
EXPENSES			
2008 National Encampment			
Transfer to Fund - 17a	4,999.00	5,000.00	1.00
Other 2008 National Encampment	302.58	0.00	-302.58
TOTAL 2008 National Encampment	5,301.58	5,000.00	-301.58
Dept. Colors Maintenance and Equipment			
New Dept. Federal Flag, Pole, Etc. - 5a	1,072.00	1,500.00	428.00
Other Dept. Colors Maintenance and Equip...	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Colors Maintenance and Equi...	1,072.00	1,500.00	428.00
Dept. Depot Rent Expenses			
Annual Rent to Hartsuff Association - 4a	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Other Dept. Depot Rent Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Depot Rent Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Dept. Encampment Expenses			
Awards - 6a	0.00	300.00	300.00
Guest Meals - 6e	166.95	150.00	-16.95
Postage - 6b	77.24	100.00	22.76
Printing and Copying - 6d	43.24	100.00	56.76
Souvenirs - 6c	164.72	300.00	135.28
Other Dept. Encampment Expenses	1,646.91	0.00	-1,646.91
TOTAL Dept. Encampment Expenses	2,099.06	950.00	-1,149.06
Dept. Miscellaneous Expense Fund			
Extraordinary Expenditures - 16a	642.65	1,000.00	357.35
Other Dept. Miscellaneous Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Miscellaneous Expense Fund	642.65	1,000.00	357.35
Dept. Newsletter Expenses			
Maintenance and Repair - 3c	0.00	100.00	100.00
Postage - 3b	0.00	500.00	500.00
Printer Supplies - 3a	0.00	800.00	800.00
Software - 3d	0.00	150.00	150.00
Other Dept. Newsletter Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Newsletter Expenses	0.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
Dept. Officers Meeting Expense			
Meals - 7a	1,096.40	1,200.00	103.60
Other Dept. Officers Meeting Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Officers Meeting Expense	1,096.40	1,200.00	103.60
Dept. Officers' Bonds			
Group Bond - 11a	235.00	250.00	15.00
Other Dept. Officers' Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Officers' Bonds	235.00	250.00	15.00
Dept. Offices Travel Expenses			
Dept. Chaplain - 14f	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dept. Commander - 14a	500.00	500.00	0.00
Dept. J.V.C. - 14c	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dept. S.V.C. - 14b	0.00	250.00	250.00
Dept. Secretary - 14d	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dept. Treasurer - 14e	250.00	250.00	0.00
Other Dept. Offices Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Offices Travel Expenses	1,500.00	1,750.00	250.00
Dept. Secretary Office Expenses			

Budget 2008-2009

4/1/2008 through 3/31/2009 Using Budget 2008-2009

Category Description	4/1/2008 Actual	- Budget	3/31/2009 Difference
Internet Service - 12d	180.00	360.00	180.00
Office Supplies - 12c	131.59	200.00	68.41
Postage - 12b	273.24	500.00	226.76
Printing and Copying - 12a	70.00	140.00	70.00
Other Dept. Secretary Office Expenses	456.51	0.00	-456.51
TOTAL Dept. Secretary Office Expenses	1,111.34	1,200.00	88.66
Dept. Treasurer Office Expense			
Annual C.P.A. Expense - 13d	2,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
Office Supplies - 13b	183.40	150.00	-33.40
Postage - 13a	17.57	50.00	32.43
SUV Supplies, Badges, Etc. - 13c	0.00	100.00	100.00
Tax Form Preparation - 13e	0.00	500.00	500.00
Other Dept. Treasurer Office Expense	100.70	0.00	-100.70
TOTAL Dept. Treasurer Office Expense	2,801.67	2,800.00	-1.67
Dept. Website Hosting Expenses			
Software - 2b	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web Site Hosting Fee - 2a	109.45	350.00	240.55
Other Dept. Website Hosting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Dept. Website Hosting Expenses	109.45	350.00	240.55
Flag Holders			
Purchase of Flag Holder - 19a	1,999.00	2,000.00	1.00
Other Flag Holders	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Flag Holders	1,999.00	2,000.00	1.00
Good of the Order Expenses			
NERA Postage - 10a	0.00	380.00	380.00
Recruitment - 10b	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rockland Restoration - 10d	0.00	200.00	200.00
Stone Placement - 10c	0.00	500.00	500.00
Other Good of the Order Expenses	1,112.21	0.00	-1,112.21
TOTAL Good of the Order Expenses	1,112.21	2,080.00	967.79
Lincoln Brunch Expenses			
Facilities Rental - 9d	0.00	100.00	100.00
Guest Meals - 9e	0.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses - 9f	1,080.72	50.00	-1,030.72
Postage - 9b	126.00	125.00	-1.00
Printing and Copying - 9a	0.00	75.00	75.00
Speaker Fee - 9c	0.00	200.00	200.00
Other Lincoln Brunch Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Lincoln Brunch Expenses	1,206.72	650.00	-556.72
National Encampment Delegate Travel			
Delegate Travel - 15a	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other National Encampment Delegate Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL National Encampment Delegate Tra...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent Fund Reinvestment			
Transfer to Fund - 18a	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Permanent Fund Reinvestment	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Permanent Fund Reinvestment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Remembrance Day Trip			
Trip Sponsorship - 8a	910.00	2,000.00	1,090.00
Other Remembrance Day Trip	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Remembrance Day Trip	910.00	2,000.00	1,090.00

Budget 2008-2009

4/1/2008 through 3/31/2009 Using Budget 2008-2009

Category Description	4/1/2008 Actual	- Budget	3/31/2009 Difference
TOTAL EXPENSES	**22,197.08**	**25,280.00**	**3,082.92**
OVERALL TOTAL	**-22,197.08**	**-25,280.00**	**3,082.92**

Itemized Categories:5

4/1/2008 through 3/31/2009 (Cash Basis)

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
INCOME				**22,349.55**
Application Fee				**25.00**
4/14/2008	DEP	... Per Capita Payments		20.00
7/21/2008	DEP	Application Fee Payments	Camp 129	5.00
11/16/2008	1186	...National SUVCW		-10.00
11/17/2008	DEP	... Camp 3188		130.00
11/17/2008	DEP	... Camp 5		10.00
2/8/2009	1196	...National SUVCW		-130.00
Camp Closing Proceeds				**570.12**
7/21/2008	DEP	Camp 61	Camp 61	770.12
1/17/2009	1191	Camp 61	Camp 61	-200.00
Camp Payments Of Per Capita Tax				**2,929.50**
4/14/2008	DEP	... Per Capita Payments	Camp 5	240.00
			Camp 129	162.00
6/9/2008	DEP	... Per Capita Payments	Camp 5	40.00
			Camp 50	330.00
			Camp 129	18.50
			Camp 25	429.00
7/21/2008	DEP	... Per Capita Payments	Camp 22	18.00
			Camp 15	792.00
			Camp 104	666.00
			Camp 22	234.00
Cash				**25.00**
7/19/2008	DEP	Returned Check	Check 1125 - National SUVCW	25.00
Dividend from Permanent Func				**22,076.93**
4/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit A. G. Edwards	For March 2008	2,636.92
5/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit A. G. Edwards	For April 2008	1,489.97
6/2/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit A. G. Edwards	For May 2008	1,313.35
7/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit A. G. Edwards	For June 2008	2,683.80
8/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For July 2008	1,495.14
8/29/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For August 2008	1,314.76
10/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For September 2008	2,707.86
11/3/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For October 2008	1,606.82
12/1/2008	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For November 2008	1,243.44
1/2/2009	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For December 2008	2,709.11
1/30/2009	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For January 2009	1,009.54
2/17/2009	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	For February 2009	1,347.07
3/3/2009	DEP	Direct Deposit Wachovia Securities	First Clearing Income	519.15
Donations				**15.00**
4/14/2008	DEP	... Department Encampment Registrati...	From William Vieira, Dept. Cmrd. RI	15.00
Per Capita Tax				**-3,292.00**
6/10/2008	1153	National SUVCW	For 2008	-2,887.00
7/19/2008	1158	National SUVCW	Camp 132 For 2008	-234.00
9/13/2008	1172	National SUVCW	Camp 15 For 2008	-108.00
10/11/2008	DEP	Camp 15	2008 Payment	108.00
11/16/2008	1185	Camp 3188	Camp Dues & Application Fees	-335.00
11/16/2008	1187	Camp 5	2 Brothers	-29.00
11/17/2008	DEP	... Camp 3188		920.00
11/17/2008	DEP	... Camp 5		38.00
12/18/2008	1190	National SUVCW	Camp 61 For 2008	-180.00
2/8/2009	1196	...National SUVCW		-117.00

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
2/8/2009	1197	National SUVCW	Camp 61 For 2009	-468.00
EXPENSES				**-21,424.23**
Uncategorized				**0.00**
4/13/2008	1133	Void	Used Credit Card Instead	0.00
11/15/2008	1178	Void	Check Writing Mistake	0.00
11/16/2008	1184	Void	Retruned by National SUVCW	0.00
1/17/2009	1192	Void	Camp 61	0.00
2/26/2009	1203	Void	Tickets for the Wheelers - Oliver ...	0.00
2008 National Encampment				**-5,301.58**
Transfer to Fund - 17a				**-4,999.00**
4/13/2008	1145	SUVCW Dept. of Mass. 2008 Encam...	Half of the Budgeted Amount	-2,500.00
7/25/2008	Debit	FedEx Kinko's	Printing of National Encampment ...	-1,000.00
7/26/2008	1167	Edward Norris	Printing of National Encampment ...	-1,499.00
Other 2008 National Encampment				**-302.58**
8/8/2008	1169	Daniel Murray	Hospitality Room	-222.88
8/31/2008	1171	Perley E. Mellor	Pre-Encampment Setup	-129.70
10/11/2008	DEP	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Hospitality Room	50.00
Deposits For Dept. Activities				**825.00**
11/16/2008	1182	Perley E. Mellor	Refund for 1 Night at Hotel - Canc...	-80.00
11/16/2008	1183	...Daniel Murray	From Brothers and Sisters	-3,610.00
11/17/2008	DEP	Remembrance Day Trip	Deposits and Full Payments	3,690.00
2/17/2009	DEP	Lincoln Birthday Brunch Payments		825.00
Dept. Colors Maintenance and Equipment				**-1,072.00**
New Dept. Federal Flag, Pole, Etc. - 5a				**-1,072.00**
6/2/2008	1149	Given Camp 51	Flags and Related Equipment	-1,072.00
Dept. Depot Rent Expenses				**-1,000.00**
Annual Rent to Hartsuff Association - 4a				**-1,000.00**
4/13/2008	1143	SUVCW Camp 50 - Gen. George L. ...	April 1 Payment	-250.00
7/19/2008	1163	SUVCW Camp 50 - Gen. George L. ...	July 1 Payment	-250.00
11/15/2008	1179	SUVCW Camp 50 - Gen. George L. ...	October 1 Payment	-250.00
1/25/2009	1193	SUVCW Camp 50 - Gen. George L. ...	January 1 Payment	-250.00
Dept. Encampment Expenses				**-2,099.06**
Guest Meals - 6e				**-166.95**
4/12/2008	1132	...Holiday Inn Select - Woburn	5 Guest Meals @ $33.39	-166.95
Postage - 6b				**-77.24**
3/20/2009	1207	Kevin Tucker	Dept. Encampment Mailing	-77.24
Printing and Copying - 6d				**-43.24**
7/27/2008	1168	Nancy Fournier	Dept. Encampment Programs	-43.24
Souvenirs - 6c				**-164.72**
5/3/2008	1148	Kevin Tucker	Encampment Favors	-164.72
Other Dept. Encampment Expenses				**-1,646.91**
4/12/2008	1132	...Holiday Inn Select - Woburn		-1,256.49
4/12/2008	CCard	Holiday Inn Select - Woburn	Encampment Expenses	-813.78
4/13/2008	1134	Edward Norris	Encampment Expenses	-840.76
4/13/2008	CCard	Holiday Inn Select - Woburn	Encampment Expenses	-37.76
4/13/2008	1136	John W. Bates III	Refund for Breakfast	-20.00
4/13/2008	1137	Eleanor Becotte	Refund for Breakfast	-20.00
4/13/2008	1138	Diane Mellor	Refund for Breakfast and Perley's ...	-72.00
4/13/2008	1139	Jacqueline Presbrey	Refund for Breakfast	-40.00
4/13/2008	1140	Mary Scofield	Refund for Breakfast	-20.00
4/13/2008	1141	Frank Tucker	Refund for Breakfast	-20.00

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
4/13/2008	1142	Kevin Tucker	Refund for Breakfast	-40.00
4/13/2008	1146	Perley E. Mellor	Campfire Entertainment	-200.00
4/14/2008	DEP	...Department Encampment Registrati...	36 Registerations	180.00
4/14/2008	DEP	Payments For Department Encamp...	Payment By Brothers & Sisters	1,358.00
5/7/2008	DEP	Mass. Dept. Aux. To The SUVCW		391.88
5/7/2008	DEP	Payments For Department Encamp...	Payment By Hosking	54.00
10/17/2008	1177	Holiday Inn - Boxborough	Deposit fro April 24-26, 2009	-250.00
Dept. Miscellaneous Expense Fund				**-642.65**
Extraordinary Expenditures - 16a				**-642.65**
4/16/2008	1147	Dept. Of Rhode Island SUVCW	Ad for the Pvt. McElroy Program B...	-100.00
6/8/2008	1152	...William Ryerson	Supplies for Memorial Day	-168.62
			Memorial Day Lucheon	-324.03
10/16/2008	1176	Robert E. LeBeau Memorial Fund	Memorial Gift to George Maple's B...	-50.00
Dept. Officers Meeting Expense				**-1,096.40**
Meals - 7a				**-1,096.40**
6/8/2008	1150	Perley E. Mellor	Dept. Meeting on June 1, 2008	-208.82
6/21/2008	1155	...Perley E. Mellor	Gift to Camp 9, NH	-50.00
9/28/2008	CCard	Brickfords Grille	10 Brothers in Attendance	-160.39
11/16/2008	CCard	Brickfords Grille	12 Brothers in Attendance	-236.79
1/25/2009	CCard	Brickfords Grille	11 Brothers and 2 Sisters in Atten...	-245.83
3/20/2009	1205	Perley E. Mellor	Department Officers Meeting - Ma...	-128.52
3/20/2009	1206	Perley E. Mellor	Budget Planning Meeting - March ...	-66.05
Dept. Officers' Bonds				**-235.00**
Group Bond - 11a				**-235.00**
6/21/2008	1157	Tuttle & Traina Insurance Agency, Inc.	Wrap + Crime June 9, 2008 to Ju...	-235.00
Dept. Offices Travel Expenses				**-1,500.00**
Dept. Chaplain - 14f				**-250.00**
7/19/2008	1159	Robert Knight	Travel to Encampment	-250.00
Dept. Commander - 14a				**-500.00**
8/31/2008	1170	Perley E. Mellor	Travel for National Encampment	-500.00
Dept. J.V.C. - 14c				**-250.00**
11/28/2008	1188	George Maple	Travel to Gettysburg	-250.00
Dept. Secretary - 14d				**-250.00**
7/19/2008	1165	William Ryerson	Travel to Encampment	-250.00
Dept. Treasurer - 14e				**-250.00**
6/21/2008	1156	Edward Norris	Travel to Westford	-22.59
9/26/2008	1174	...Edward Norris	4 Trips to Peabody	-50.32
11/15/2008	1180	Edward Norris	Travel to Uxbridge	-26.51
11/28/2008	1189	Edward Norris	Travel to Gettysburg	-150.58
Dept. Per Capita Tax				**-18.50**
6/8/2008	1151	...William Ryerson		-18.50
Dept. Postage Costs				**-24.65**
6/21/2008	1155	...Perley E. Mellor	Postage for Annual Reports	-24.65
Dept. Secretary Office Expenses				**-1,111.34**
Internet Service - 12d				**-180.00**
4/13/2008	1144	...William Ryerson		-90.00
7/19/2008	1162	...William Ryerson		-90.00
Office Supplies - 12c				**-131.59**
4/13/2008	1144	...William Ryerson		-50.00
7/19/2008	1162	...William Ryerson		-50.00
11/16/2008	1181	Daniel Murray	Paper and Printer Ink	-29.49
2/8/2009	1199	...Daniel Murray		-2.10

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
Postage - 12b				**-273.24**
4/13/2008	1144	...William Ryerson		-125.00
7/19/2008	1162	...William Ryerson		-125.00
2/8/2009	1199	...Daniel Murray		-23.24
Printing and Copying - 12a				**-70.00**
4/13/2008	1144	...William Ryerson		-35.00
7/19/2008	1162	...William Ryerson		-35.00
Other Dept. Secretary Office Expenses				**-456.51**
3/2/2009	1204	Daniel Murray	Secretary Expenses	-114.67
3/30/2009	1210	Daniel Murray	Voice Recorder	-341.84
Dept. Treasurer Office Expense				**-2,801.67**
Annual C.P.A. Expense - 13d				**-2,500.00**
2/6/2009	1194	Letarte & Singleton CPAs	Review Report and Tax Prep	-2,500.00
Office Supplies - 13b				**-183.40**
4/13/2008	1135	Edward Norris	Copies of Annual Treasurer's Rep...	-53.87
9/23/2008	CCard	Circuit City	Paper	-5.24
9/26/2008	1174	...Edward Norris	Copies	-1.44
9/27/2008	CCard	OfficeMax	Copies of Treasurer's Report	-10.71
11/7/2008	CCard	Staples	Printer Ink	-37.79
11/16/2008	CCard	Staples	Copies	-5.88
1/25/2009	CCard	Staples	Copies	-5.46
2/28/2009	CCard	OfficeMax	USB 4GB Memory and Paper	-49.64
3/19/2009	CCard	Walmart	Binder and Page Tabs	-13.37
Postage - 13a				**-17.57**
4/14/2008	CCard	Postmaster - South Lancaster	40 Stamps	-16.40
7/19/2008	1161	Edward Norris	Postage to National Org.	-1.17
Other Dept. Treasurer Office Expense				**-100.70**
4/23/2008	Debit	Clarke American Checks	Checks	-100.70
Dept. Website Hosting Expenses				**-109.45**
Web Site Hosting Fee - 2a				**-109.45**
7/19/2008	1166	Kevin Tucker	Annual Fee	-109.45
Flag Holders				**-1,999.00**
Purchase of Flag Holder - 19a				**-1,999.00**
6/21/2008	1154	Gohn Manufacturing	320 Flag Holders	-1,999.00
Good of the Order Expenses				**-1,112.21**
Other Good of the Order Expenses				**-1,112.21**
6/8/2008	1151	...William Ryerson	ROTC Awards	-30.98
7/19/2008	1160	Dan Burns	Eagle Scout Awards	-67.96
7/19/2008	1164	Camp 6 - Gen. Frederick Lander	Gift to Camp - Help with Start	-250.00
9/13/2008	1173	National SUVCW	Camp 3188 Charter Fee	-25.00
9/28/2008	CCard	SUVCW National	30 Large Rituals Books	-161.00
9/28/2008	CCard	SUVCW National	1 Camp Commander Badge	-28.00
10/12/2008	CCard	FootNote	Genealogy Research	-52.95
10/16/2008	1175	Satuit Camp 3188	Startup Gift to Camp	-250.00
2/8/2009	1198	Daniel Burns	Eagles Scout Certificates	-51.94
2/8/2009	1195	...Kevin Tucker	Wreath for Wood's Grave	-19.38
2/26/2009	1202	National SUVCW	Charter Fee for Camp 61	-25.00
3/22/2009	1208	Camp 61	Startup Donation	-50.00
3/22/2009	1209	Edward Norris	Camp 66 Charter - Woburn	-100.00
Lincoln Brunch Expenses				**-1,206.72**
Miscellaneous Expenses - 9f				**-1,080.72**
2/15/2009	1200	Kevin Tucker	Balance for Cake and Gift	-30.98

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
2/22/2009	1201	Edward Norris	Colonial Inn Expenses	-1,049.74
Postage - 9b				**-126.00**
2/8/2009	1195	...Kevin Tucker		-126.00
National Per Capita				**-9.00**
Payment to National Org. - 1a				**-9.00**
11/16/2008	1186	...National SUVCW		-9.00
Remembrance Day Trip				**-910.00**
Trip Sponsorship - 8a				**-910.00**
11/16/2008	1183	...Daniel Murray	From Department Budget	-910.00
TRANSFERS				**0.00**
Checking				**-30.00**
2/17/2009		Sales Of Massachusetts SUVCW M...	2 Medals @ $15 Each	-30.00
125th Dept Encampment Badge				**30.00**
2/17/2009	TXFR	Sales Of Massachusetts SUVCW M...	2 Medals @ $15 Each	30.00
OVERALL TOTAL				**925.32**

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Security	Shares	Quote/Price	est	Cost Basis	Gain/Loss	Balance
Allied Capital Corporation New	1,208.000	1.590		30,546.11	-28,625.39	1,920.72
AT&T Inc.	265.000	25.200		7,834.00	-1,156.00	6,678.00
Chvron Corp	550.000	67.240		20,410.84	16,571.16	36,982.00
Duke Energy Corp New	800.000	14.320		14,248.29	-2,792.29	11,456.00
FairPoint Communications, Inc.	15.000	0.780		0.00	11.70	11.70
Idearc, Inc.	40.000	0.036		0.00	1.44	1.44
Realty Income Corp.	2,650.000	18.820		74,900.26	-25,027.26	49,873.00
Spectra Energy Corp.	400.000	14.140		10,271.21	-4,615.21	5,656.00
Sun Communities Inc	1,000.000	11.830		35,356.15	-23,526.15	11,830.00
Teco Energy Inc	200.000	11.150		6,304.09	-4,074.09	2,230.00
UDR Inc.	1,621.000	8.610		17,073.26	-3,116.45	13,956.81
Unitil Corp	300.000	20.080		7,407.00	-1,383.00	6,024.00
Verizon Communication Inc	800.000	30.200		27,056.00	-2,896.00	24,160.00
Washington Real Estate Inve...	2,100.000	17.300		40,942.80	-4,612.80	36,330.00
WGL Holdings Inc	1,000.000	32.800		27,506.14	5,293.86	32,800.00
-Cash-				509.45	0.00	509.45
TOTAL Investments				**320,365.60**	**-79,946.48**	**240,419.12**

2008 ENCAMPMENT INCOME & EXPENSES

BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	CK #	DATE	NAME	EXPLANATION	BANQUET	CAMPFIRE MEDALS	RIBBONS BOOKLET NAMETAGS	FLOWERS MEMORIAL RAFFLES SERVICE	SHIRTS	CONTRI- BUTIONS	VENDOR TABLE TOURS	MISC.
$7,868.76		$70.00	126	7/27/2008	George Maple	canceled banquet	-$70.00							
$7,418.76		$450.00	127	7/28/2008	John Batse	8 money clips	-$450.00							
$7,412.76		$4.00	128	7/28/2008	Charlee Cochran	change of meal choice	-$4.00							
$7,412.76			129			voided								
$7,853.76	$441.00			7/31/2008		Reservations	$321.00	$80.00				$40.00		
$6,353.76		$1,500.00	130	7/31/2008	Big Smile Entertainment	final payment for Carolina	-$1,500.00							
$5,903.76		$450.00	131	7/31/2008	Friends of Mount Auburn	Chapel usage						-$450.00		
$5,276.76		$627.00	132	8/1/2008	The T - Stop	final payment of t-shirts					-$627.00			
$5,201.76		$75.00	133	8/1/2008	Gary Granger	cancel 2 tours & 1 banquet, chicken	-$35.00					-$40.00		
$5,806.76	$705.00			8/1/2008		Reservations		$60.00				$25.00		
$5,832.76		$74.00		8/1/2008	Jamee Brown	bounced check returned by bank	-$74.00							
$5,822.76		$10.00		8/1/2008		bank fee for returned check								-10.00
$7,868.76		$70.00	126	7/27/2008	George Maple	canceled banquet	-$70.00							
$7,418.76		$450.00	127	7/28/2008	John Batse	8 money clips	-$450.00							
$7,412.76		$4.00	128	7/28/2008	Charlee Cochran	change of meal choice	-$4.00							
$7,412.76			129			voided								
$7,853.76	$441.00			7/31/2008		Reservations	$321.00	$80.00				$40.00		
$6,353.76		$1,500.00	130	7/31/2008	Big Smile Entertainment	final payment for Carolina	-$1,500.00							
$5,903.76		$450.00	131	7/31/2008	Friends of Mount Auburn	Chapel usage						-$450.00		
$5,276.76		$627.00	132	8/1/2008	The T - Stop	final payment of t-shirts					-$627.00			
$5,201.76		$75.00	133	8/1/2008	Gary Granger	cancel 2 tours & 1 banquet, chicken	-$35.00					-$40.00		
$5,806.76	$705.00			8/1/2008		Reservations		$60.00				$25.00		
$5,832.76		$74.00		8/1/2008	Jamee Brown	bounced check returned by bank	-$74.00							
$5,822.76		$10.00		8/1/2008		bank fee for returned check								-10.00
$5,938.76		$450.00	125	7/27/2008	The T- Stop	Downpayment on Tee shirts		-$77.14			-$450.00			
$8,346.76		$77.14	124	7/27/2008	Nancy Fournier	Printing supplies								
$8,463.90	$433.00			7/28/2008		Reservations	$433.00							
$8,030.90	$1,302.00			7/28/2008		Reservations	$486.00	$696.00				$120.00		
$6,728.90		$97.78	123	7/20/2008	Emblematics, Inc.	shipping cost for medals		-$97.78						
$6,826.68		$1,780.00	122	7/17/2008	Bush Hill Tours	final payment for tour						#######		
$8,606.68			121			voided								
$8,606.68	$1,868.00			7/18/2008		Reservations	$1,218.00	$240.00				$50.00	$360.00	
$6,738.68		$400.00		7/10/2008		Advertising	$15.00		$385.00					
$6,338.68		$668.00		7/10/2008		Reservations	$405.00	$239.00				$26.00		
$5,669.68		$857.00		7/7/2008		Reservations	$658.00	$279.00				$20.00		
$4,712.68		$10.00	120	6/30/2008	Richard Nichols	overpaid 4 Devere Medal		-$10.00						
$4,722.68		$300.00		6/30/2008		Advertising			$300.00					
$4,422.68		$1,443.00		6/30/2008		Reservations	$693.00	$150.00				$600.00		
$2,979.68		$685.00		6/16/2008		Advertising			$585.00					
$2,394.68		$963.00		6/16/2008		Reservations	$598.00	$120.00				$25.00	$240.00	
$1,411.68		$71.34	118	6/9/2008	Diana Mellor	Flowers & Printing				-$71.34				
$1,463.02		$353.75	118	6/9/2008	American Gold Label	Ribbons			-$383.75					
$1,846.77		$115.00		6/2/2008		Reservations	$70.00	$20.00				$25.00		
$1,731.77		$611.00		5/29/2008		Reservations	$471.00	$40.00				$100.00		
$1,120.77		$623.00		5/19/2008		Reservations	$323.00	$100.00				$200.00		
$497.77		$1,476.30	117	5/14/2008	Emblematics, Inc.	Devore medals		-$1,476.30						
$ 1,974.07		$ 100.00	118	5/9/2008	Big Smile Entertainment	campfire entertainment		-$100.00						
$ 2,074.07		$ 1,400.00	115	5/9/2008	Big Smile Entertainment	campfire entertainment		-$1,400.00						
$ 3,474.07	$ 1,027.00			5/8/2008		Reservations	$697.00	$120.00				$50.00	$160.00	
$ 2,447.07		$ 77.15	114	5/6/2008	Staples	name tags				-$77.15				
$ 2,524.22		$ 303.42	113	4/23/2008	Diane Mellor	jelly beans, flowers	-$152.52			-$150.90				
$ 2,827.64		$ 595.53	112	4/23/2008	Diane Mellor	Statues	-$595.53							
$ 3,423.17		$ 1,220.00	111	4/18/2008	The T- Stop	payment in full					-$1,220.00			
$ 4,643.17	$ 2,688.00			4/18/2008		MASUVCW-Reservations	$148.00	$40.00				$2,600.00		
$ 1,855.17	$ 238.00			4/15/2008		Reservations	$38.00	$160.00					40.00	
$ 1,716.17	$ 288.00			4/11/2008		Reservations	$248.00						40.00	
$ 1,427.17	$ 179.00			4/4/2008		Reservations	$179.00							
$ 1,248.17	$ 0.40	110	3/28/2008	Veronica Mellor	Jelly Beans	-$0.40								
$ 1,248.67	$ 72.10	109	3/27/2008	Veronica Mellor	Jelly Beans	-$72.10								
$ 1,320.87	$ 503.00		3/27/2008		Reservations	$323.00							180.00	
$ 817.67		$1,220.00	108	2/18/2008	The T- Stop	1/2 deposit on shirt order					-$1,220.00			
$ 2,037.67	$ 463.00			2/18/2008		Reservations	$323.00						140.00	
$ 1,574.67		$1,500.00	107	2/17/2008	Dept of MA SUVCW	Repay loan from 11/2/07								
$ 3,074.67	$ 550.00			11/22/2008		CIGAR						$550.00		
$ 2,524.67		$ 184.42	108	1/8/2008	Emblematics, Inc.	shipping for Nat. medal		-$184.42						
$ 2,709.09	$ 500.00			11/10/2007		National SUVCW						$1,000.00		
$ 2,209.09	$ 1,000.00			11/10/2007		National SUVCW								
$ 1,209.09	$ 550.00			11/8/2007		Aux to SUVCW						$550.00		
$ 659.09	$ 2,607.50	105	11/4/2007	The Pot Shop	350 beam pole with printing	-$2,607.50								
$ 3,266.59	$ 1,500.00		11/2/2008		loan from Dept of MA									
$ 1,766.59	$ 1,600.00	104	10/30/2007	Embematics, Inc.	National Medal for goodie bags		-$1,600.00							
$ 3,366.59	$ 530.00	103	10/24/2007	Bush Hill Toure	Deposit for tour								-530.00	
						brochure shipping to & from St.Louie								-$547.31
$ 3,696.59	$ 738.41	102	8/24/2007	Kevin Tucker	favors,prototype,& alamp	-$91.10								
$ 4,635.00	$ 565.00	101	7/16/2007	Kevin Tucker	goodie bags			-$585.00						
$ 5,200.00	$ 5,200.00		5/9/2007		Dept of MA contribution							$5,200.00		
						Art prep for shirt embroidery					-$100.00			

$6,024.78	$202.00			8/4/2008		Reservations	$202.00									
$5,903.29		$121.47	134	8/7/2008	George Maple	Florist corsages				-$121.47						
$7,021.29	$1,118.00			8/11/2008		sales at encampment		$1,118.00								
$13,102.29	$6,081.00			8/11/2008		sales at encampment		$920.00			$443.00	$4,643.00	$75.00			
$13,102.29	$2,499.00	$2,499.00		7/31/2008		program booklet paid by department			-$2,499.00				$2,499.00			
$12,902.29		$300.00		8/5/2008	cash withdrawal	sales bank									-$300.00	
$4,040.97		$8,761.32	135	8/11/2008	Boston Marriott Peabody	audio visual									-$330.00	
$2,897.33		$1,343.64	136	8/12/2008	Kevin Tucker	banquet charges flowers, ink	-$8,431.32			-$20.09 -$86.48						
$2,547.43		$149.90	137	8/12/2008	Nancy Fournier	vans ink			-$149.90						-$1,236.17	
$2,454.40		$93.03	138	8/13/2008	Diane Mellor	Reimbursement of van rental										
$2,068.17		$386.23	139	8/13/2008	Boston Marriott Peabody	taxes	-$386.23								-$93.03	
$1,678.17		$190.00	140	8/13/2008	John Bates	2 money clips & postage		-$190.00								
$1,808.47		$69.70	141	8/30/2008	Diane Mellor	postage, printing, dec.	-$43.91	-$25.79								
$1,965.47	$157.00			8/30/2008	deposit	sales after encampment		$109.00				$48.00				
$1,963.66		$1.81		8/30/2008		cashier check fee for BMHotel									-$1.81	
$1,878.66		$85.00	142	9/4/2008	John Bates	Postage & Medals		-$85.00								
$1,963.66	$85.00			9/4/2008	deposit	Postage & Medals		$85.00								
$1,880.62		$83.04	143	10/3/2008	Diane Mellor	Postage for statues	-$83.04									
$1,942.62	$62.00			10/17/2008	deposit		$62.00									
$1,924.53		$18.09		10/31/2008		Postage for statues	-$18.09									
$2,095.73	$171.20			10/31/2008	deposit		$171.20									
$0.00		$2,095.73		1/23/2009	MA SUVCW	cashier check to close account							-$2,095.73			
	$36,498.20	$36,498.20				Totals	-$3,960.64	-$3,077.14 $456.71	-$1,155.80 -$1,229.00	-$364.70 -$86.48 $443.00		$1,074.00	$10,703.27 $275.00 -$560.00		-$2,518.32	
							0.00									
Total Income		$36,498.20														
Contributions		-$12,796.00														
Total Income		$23,699.20														
Total Expenses		$36,498.20														
Return SUVCW		-$2,095.73														
Total Expenses		$34,402.47														
Net Loss		$10,703.27														

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We have reviewed the accompanying statement of financial position of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT**, (a non profit organization) as of March 31, 2008 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT.**

A review consists principally of inquires of Organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

Letarte and Singleton

Letarte & Singleton CPA's
February 2, 2008

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

	2008
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,254
Certificates of deposit	250,239
Investments at fair value	371,234
Prepaid expenses	7,445
Total assets	$638,172

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Banquet deposits	$ 966
Total liabilities	966
Net assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Undesignated for general use	200,507
Board designated	436,699
Total net assets	637,206
Total liabilities and net assets	$638,172

(See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2008

	2008
Support and Revenues:	
Public Support Contributions	$ 2,600
Total Public Support	2,600
Revenues:	
Membership Fees	4,535
Dividend and Interest Income	33,213
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(47,538)
Total Support, Revenues, and Gains	(7,190)
Expenses:	
Program Services	
National Membership Fees	4,467
Good of the Order	2,722
Remembrance Day	2,000
Travel	6,553
Meetings	1,095
Printing Expense	408
Postage	646
Miscellaneous	1,008
Management General	
Rent	1,000
Insurance	239
Office Expense	1,363
Professional Fees	1,900
Total Expenses	23,401
Change in Net Assets	(30,591)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	667,797
Net Assets, End of Year	$637,206

(See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2008

	2008
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Change in net assets	$(30,591)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Unrealized loss on investments	47,538
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
(Increase)decrease in:	
Prepaid expenses	(7,445)
Increase(decrease) in:	
Banquet deposits	966
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 10,468
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Purchase of investments	$(19,651)
Net cash (used) by investing activities	(19,651)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(9,183)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	18,437
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$ 9,254

(See Accompanying Notes and Accountant's Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2008

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes wherein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. There were no temporarily restricted net assets at March 31, 2008.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes. There were no permanently restricted net assets at March 31, 2008.

(See Accountants Report)

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

d) Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift. It is the policy of the Organization to sell these investments upon receipt.

e) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

f) Investments

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

g) Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

(See Accountants Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2008

2. Financial Instruments

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, investments, and cash equivalents. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times, may exceed Federally insured limits. Cash equivalents and investments are maintained at brokerage institutions. Exposure to credit risk is reduced by placing such deposits in high quality financial institutions.

3. Investments

The cost and carrying value for investments is as follows:

	Cost	Carrying Value
Stocks	$314,187	$371,234

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	Unrestricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 33,213	$ 33,213
Unrealized Losses on Investments	(47,538)	(47,538)
	$(14,325)	$(14,325)

(See Accountants Report)

ITEM NO.	TOTAL EXPENSE	ASSIGNMENT / EXPLANATION	LINE NO.	2009-2010 Proposed
1	$300.00	*DEPT. COLORS MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT*	17a.	$300.00
		TOTAL		$300.00
2	$1,000.00	*DEPT. DEPOT RENTAL EXPENSES*		
		Annual Rent to Hartsuff Association	4a.	$1,000.00
		TOTAL		$1,000.00
3	$1,250.00	*DEPT. ENCAMPMENT EXPENSES*		
		Awards	6a.	$300.00
		Postage	6b.	$100.00
		Souvenir	6c.	$300.00
		Printing and Copying	6d.	$100.00
		Guest Meals	6e.	$150.00
		Other Dept. Encampment Expenses	6f.	$300.00
		TOTAL		$1,250.00
4	$1,000.00	*DEPT. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FUND*		
		Unexpected Expenditures	16a.	$1,000.00
		TOTAL		$1,000.00
5	$1,550.00	*DEPT. NEWSLETTER EXPENSES*		
		Printer Supplies (ink, paper, etc.)	3a.	$800.00
		Postage	3b.	$500.00
		Maintenance/Repair	3c.	$100.00
		Software	3d	$150.00
		Other Dept. Newsletter Expenses	3e.	$0.00
		TOTAL		$1,550.00
6	$1,200.00	*DEPT. OFFICERS MEETING EXPENSES*		
		Meals	7a.	$1,200.00
		TOTAL		$1,200.00
7	$250.00	*DEPT. OFFICERS BONDS*		
		Group Bond	11a.	$250.00
		TOTAL		$250.00
8	$2,850.00	*DEPT. OFFICERS TRAVEL EXPENSES*		
		Dept. Commander	14a.	$1,100.00
		Dept. S. V. C.	14b.	$500.00
		Dept. J. V. C.	14c.	$500.00
		Dept. Secretary	14d.	$250.00
		Dept. Treasurer	14e.	$250.00
		Dept. Chaplain	14f.	$250.00
		TOTAL		$2,850.00
9	$1,200.00	*DEPT. SECRETARY OFFICE EXPENSES*		
		Printing/Copying	12a.	$140.00
		Postage	12b.	$500.00
		Office Supplies	12c.	$200.00
		~~Internet Service~~	~~12d.~~	~~$360.00~~
		Other Dept. Secretary Office Expenses	12e.	$0.00

				$1,200.00
10	$2,850.00	***DEPT. TREASURER'S OFFICE EXPENSE***		
		Postage	13a.	$50.00
		Office Supplies	13b.	$150.00
		SUV Supplies, Badges, Etc.	13c.	$100.00
		Annual C.P.A. Audit	13d.	$2,000.00
		Tax Form Preparation	13e.	$500.00
		Other Dept. Treasurer Office Expenses	13f.	$50.00
		TOTAL		$2,850.00
11	$250.00	***DEPT. WEBSITE HOSTING EXPENSES***		
		Web Site Hosting Fee	2a.	$250.00
		Software	2b.	$0.00
		Other Dept. Web Site Expenses	2c.	$0.00
		TOTAL		$250.00
12	$1,000.00	***FLAG HOLDERS***	19a.	$1,000.00
		TOTAL		$1,000.00
13	$2,500.00	***GOOD OF THE ORDER EXPENSES***		
		NERA Postage	10a.	$380.00
		Recruitment	10b.	$1,000.00
		Stone Placement	10c.	$500.00
		Rockland Photo Preservation	10d.	$200.00
		Other Good of the Order Expenses	10e.	$420.00
		TOTAL		$2,500.00
14	$650.00	***LINCOLN BRUNCH EXPENSES***		
		Printing/Copying	9a.	$75.00
		Postage	9b.	$125.00
		Speaker Fee	9c.	$200.00
		Facilities rental	9d.	$100.00
		Guest Meals	9e.	$100.00
		Other Lincoln Brunch Expenses	9f.	$50.00
		TOTAL		$650.00
15	$2,700.00	***NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DELEGATE TRAVEL***		
		Delegate Travel	15a.	$2,700.00
		TOTAL		$2,700.00
16	$0.00	***PERMANENT FUND REINVESTMENT***		
		Checking Account Carryover Reinvestment	18a.	$0.00
		TOTAL		$0.00
17	$2,000.00	***REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIP***		
		Trip Sponsorship	8a.	$2,000.00
		TOTAL		$2,000.00
	$22,550.00	**TOTAL BUDGET**		$22,550.00
	$22,550.00	**NET BUDGET**		~~$22,550.00~~ 25190.00

Whereas; *The Membership numbers of the Dept. of Massachusetts are in decline.*

Whereas; *The SUVCW is expected to perpetuate the memory of GAR.*

Whereas; *The Dept. Of Massachusetts needs to do more to expand the membership.*

Therefore, Be it Resolved: *Article XVI Section 3 of the Bylaws should be deleted and replace with "Juniors and Junior Associates shall be allowed in the Department."*

RESOLUTION ADDING FLEXIBILITY TO DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DATES
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; In the spirit of cooperation and fraternity, and in order to facilitate the opportunity for Members from all six Departments in New England to attend any Department's annual Encampments, it has become a tradition for Departments within the New England states to cooperatively schedule their Department Encampments on differing dates during March, April and May each year, in order to avoid conflicting dates, and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts has adopted the tradition of holding its Department Encampment within the month of April, and

WHEREAS; The duties of a Department committee include making recommendations to the Department Commander and/or the Department Encampment, but does not include the ability to supersede either's power to render decisions, and

WHEREAS; The Department Commander may deem it necessary to hold a Department Encampment outside of the month of April, if it serves the good of the order,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article III, Meetings, Section 1 – The annual meeting of the Department shall be held the last weekend of April, except when the date will be set by the Site Committee and shall be called the Department Encampment.

Shall be replaced with:

Article III, Meetings, Section 1 – The annual meeting of the Department shall be held on a weekend in the month of April, except when another date will be set by the Department Commander for the good of the order, and shall be called the Department Encampment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; **Official;**

Secretary **Commander**

RESOLUTION MANDATING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENTS
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; The purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to perpetuate the memory of the men who fought to preserve the Union, and

WHEREAS; A principal task in preserving that memory is for Members, Camps and this Department to collect and maintain grave registration records for Civil War veterans buried in Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS; An additional principal task in preserving that memory is for Members, Camps and this Department to conduct the inspection and assessment of the condition of Civil War Memorials throughout Massachusetts, and initiate or participate in the conservation of such memorials as required, and

WHEREAS; The number of established Camps in the Department of Massachusetts has been decreasing in the past few years, and the Department has been contacted by several individuals wishing to form new Camps, and a focus must be made by the Department on replacing the closed Camps with new start up Camps,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section II – The Department Commander shall appoint the Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department G.A.R. Highway Officer, and may appoint Department Organizer, Graves Registration Officer, Chief of Staff, Press Correspondent, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Aides and any other officer whose duties deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Department.

Shall be replaced with:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section II – The Department Commander shall appoint the Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Counselor; Department G.A.R. Highway Officer, Department Organizer, Department Graves Registration Officer, and Department Civil War Memorials Officer, and may appoint a Department Chief of Staff, Assistant Department Secretary, Assistant Department Treasurer, and any other officers whose duties he deems necessary for the proper administration of the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

RESOLUTION CORRECTING A VOTING METHOD CONFLICT
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts By-laws, Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section I, states: "The elected officers of the Department shall be; Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Council and Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment.", and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts By-laws, Article VII, Terms of Office, Section I, states: "The Department Officers shall be elected annually at the Department Encampment by a majority of the votes cast.", and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts By-laws, Article VII, Terms of Office, Section V, states: "The Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected annually and a plurality of the votes cast shall determine the choice.", and

WHEREAS; Because Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment are Department officers, Article VII, Terms of Office, Section I and Article VII, Terms of Office, Section I Section V of the Department By-laws are in conflict as currently written,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article VII, Terms of Office, Section I – The Department Officers shall be elected annually at the Department Encampment by a majority of the votes cast.

Shall be replaced with:

Article VII, Terms of Office, Section I – The Department Officers shall be elected annually at the Department Encampment by a majority of the votes cast, except Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment, who shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. "DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That Article VII, Terms of Office, Section V, be stricken from the Department of Massachusetts By-laws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That Article VII, Terms of Office, Section VI, be renumbered Article VII, Terms of Office, Section V, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

RESOLUTION DEFINING RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMNT OF AUTHORIZED EXPENSES DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; No Member of the Department of Massachusetts shall paid to perform his duties as a Member and/or Officer, and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts reimburses its Members for expenses incurred on behalf of the Department when such expenses are budgeted and approved in advance by the Department Commander, and

WHEREAS; The Department Commander must approve all expenditures made by the Department Secretary before funds are disbursed,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article X, Expenses, Section I shall be stricken.

Article X, Expenses, Section II – The Department Treasurer is responsible for all expenditures of the Department. The Department Council shall present the budget and acts as audit agent.

Shall be renumbered and replaced with:

Article X, Expenses, Section I – The Department Treasurer is responsible for disbursing funds for the reimbursement of authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the Department and approved by the Department Commander.

And that:

Article X, Expenses, Section III – Proper itemized vouchers for all expenditures under any appropriation shall be provided to the Department Treasurer before payment shall be made.

Shall be renumbered and replaced with:

Article X, Expenses, Section II – Proper itemized receipts for authorized expenditures shall be provided to the Department Treasurer before reimbursement is made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

RESOLUTION CORRECTING GRAMMATICAL ERRORS TO THE PREAMBLE TO THE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; Members of the Department of Massachusetts perform duties which serve to perpetuate the memory of all Civil War veterans, whether they were Members of the Grand Army or not, including the preservation of monuments, flag holders and other artifacts, and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts opposes any attempts to revise the teaching of the true history of the United States, in general, and Civil War history specifically, in order to slant popular opinion toward to any particular political or social point of view, and

WHEREAS; The preamble to the Department of Massachusetts By-laws contains grammatical errors, due to omitted words,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Preamble – We, the descendents of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the War of Rebellion 1861 – 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, to render loyal service to our Country; to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; to assist in the preservation of the records pertaining to the G. A. R.; to honor all who served our Country in any war; to teach patriotism, citizenship, history of our Country; to honor the Flag; to oppose any movement to weaken loyalty to or destruction of our constitutional Union and principals of representative government; and to equal rights and justice for all.

Shall be replaced with:

Preamble – We, the descendents of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the War of Rebellion 1861 – 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, to render loyal service to our Country; to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all who fought to preserve the Union during the War of Rebellion 1861 - 1865; to assist in the preservation of the records and artifacts pertaining to the G. A. R.; to honor all who served our Country in any war; to teach patriotism, citizenship, and the true history of our Country; to honor the Flag; to oppose any movement to weaken loyalty to or cause the destruction of our constitutional Union and the principals of representative government; and to support equal rights and justice for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

RESOLUTION EXTENDING COUNCIL TERM
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; The task of properly preparing an annual budget for Department expenditures of tens of thousand dollars per year require that Department Council Members have a complete and thorough understanding of the functions and financial requirements of the Department, and experience at creating complex budgets, and

WHEREAS; The task of properly auditing the books for the Department, with funds in excess of a half million dollars, require that Department Council Members have a complete understanding and experience at reviewing and verifying financial transactions and creating reports for submission to the Department Encampment, and

WHEREAS; The task of researching and evaluating long term investment opportunities requires a complete and thorough understanding and great deal of experience at investing in financial institutions and markets, and

WHEREAS; The current one year term for Department Council Members is far too short a term to allow Members to obtain the required experience, and too short a term to allow for the successful transfer of knowledge from other Council Members, and

WHEREAS; Increasing the term for Department Council Members to three years and rotating the election in order that only one Council Member is replaced each year will insure that the Department Council contains experienced and knowledgeable Members at all times,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article VII, Terms of Office, Section IV – The Members of the Department Council to be elected shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Shall be replaced with:

Article VII, Terms of Office, Section IV – Department Council Members shall be elected to a term of ~~three~~ two (3) 2 years, with each seat elected on a rotating basis in such a way that one Council Member is elected each year. To facilitate this rotation, one Department Council Member seat (designated Council Member No. 1) shall be elected to a term of ~~three~~ two (3) 2 years at the Department Encampment in 2010, and shall be elected to a term of ~~three~~ two (3) 2 years thereafter. Another Department Council Member seat (designated Council Member No. 2) shall be elected to a term of two (2) years at the Department Encampment in 2010, and shall be elected to a term of ~~three~~ two (3) 2 years thereafter. The third Department Council Member seat (designated Council Member No. 3) shall be elected to a term of one (1) year at the Department Encampment in 2010, and shall be elected to a term of ~~three~~ two (3) 2 years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE TREASURER'S DUTIES
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; The Department Treasurer has custody of all Department funds, unless otherwise provided, and is responsible for transferring funds from the Permanent Fund and all other funds into investments and accounts, and

WHEREAS; In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, Department funds should not be invested by the Department Treasurer without the direction and approval of the Department Council, and

WHEREAS; The Department Encampment and Department Council may appropriate funds, but the individual payments madeby the Department Treasurer should be approved by the Department Commander, and

WHEREAS; The term "audit" is non-specific and vague, when requiring an outside review of the Department books, and should be replaced by the term "Certified Public Accountant's Review", which is a more specific term for the type of outside review required by the Department Encampment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section VII – The Department Treasurer shall be responsible for the investments of the Permanent Fund and all other funds and will transfer all funds appropriated at the Department Encampment to the General Fund, and shall expedite all expenditures appropriated by the Department Council.
The Department Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Statement of the fiscal status of the Department as of the close of the March 31st fiscal year and shall have the statement audited by a CPA firm at the expense of the Department which shall be a budget item.

Shall be replaced with:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section VII – The Department Treasurer shall be responsible for implementing the investment of the Permanent Fund and all other funds as directed by the Department Council; and will transfer all funds appropriated by the Department Encampment and Department Council to the General Fund; and shall pay out all expenditures upon requisition in due form by the Department Secretary approved by the Department Commander.
The Department Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Statement of the fiscal status of the Department as of the close of March 31st of fiscal year; and shall have a Certified Public Accountant's Review of all Department finances performed annually, prior to the close of the following fiscal year, at the expense of the Department, which shall be a budget item.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; **Official;**

Secretary **Commander**

RESOLUTION EMPOWERING THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL WITH DIRECTING PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WHEREAS; Dividends and interest generated from the investment of the Department Permanent Funds are crucial in providing operating funds for the Department, and

WHEREAS; The Department of Massachusetts has, over the past several years, chosen to forgo the collection of Department per capita dues from it's Members, leaving the returns from the investments of the Permanent Funds as its only substantial source of operating funds, and

WHEREAS; The decisions as to where and in what amounts the Permanent Funds should be invested, must be made with thorough deliberation and great care, in order to assure that a positive return is achieved, and

WHEREAS; The decisions involving the investment of the Permanent Fund is too important to be left as the responsibility of any one individual, and

WHEREAS; The three Members of the Department Council are currently involved in the finances of the Department, having the duties of auditing the Department books and approving unbudgeted expenditures, and could bring three different perspectives when considering investment options, enhancing the number and type of investment opportunities being considered,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sitting in Encampment, approve the following changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section VIII – The Department Council shall be responsible for the expenditure of all funds that are not budgeted and approved in the General Fund expenditures. The Department Council shall be responsible for the auditing of all Department records and accounts.

Shall be replaced with:

Article IV, Officers and their Duties, Section VIII – The Department Council shall be responsible for directing the investments of the Permanent Fund and all other funds, in order to meet the expenditures of the Department. The Department Council shall be responsible for the appropriation of all funds that are not budgeted and approved by the Department Encampment for General Fund expenditures. The Department Council shall be responsible for the auditing of all receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department and make a report thereof to the Department Encampment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That all changes to the Department of Massachusetts By-Laws shall take place upon their passage and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and Camps be notified in a timely manner, and that the amended Department of Massachusetts By-laws be reprinted and published on the Department web site as soon as possible, thereafter.

Approved this _____ Day of _____ in the year of our Lord 2009.

Attest; Official;

Secretary Commander

Resolution
of the Department of Massachusetts
of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas, the brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at the Annual Department Meeting, on this 25th day of the month of April in the year 2009, do hereby fully support the efforts of national Battle Flag Preservation Committee; and

Whereas, we recognize the importance of the Civil War battle flags to our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union; and

Whereas, soldiers and their regiments took great pride in their flags as it was considered a moral defeat or disgrace when a flag was lost; and

Whereas, many of our ancestors fought, were wounded, or died in an effort to save their colors from the Confederate hands; and

Whereas, we should carry on the tradition of saving these battle flags as did our ancestors.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommend that the efforts of this special committee will be continued as a permanent committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The foregoing resolution, is approved and adopted on this 25th day of April in the year 2009 by the brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Perley Mellor, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested – Daniel Murray, Secretary
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Stephen J. Twining, Commander
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Brother Daniel Murray, Secretery
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Dear Brother Murray,

Enclosed you will find the required two copies of my proposed resolution to be considered at the 127th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, April 24th and 25th at Boxborough, MA.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brother Stephen J. Twining, Commander

30 March 2009

TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
2009 ENCAMPMENT
BOXBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS
24 APR 2009-25 APR 2009

Whereas; The purposes of the organization are
(1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;
(2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;

Whereas: The Works Projects Administration (WPA) was a relief measure established in 1935 by executive order as the Works Progress Administration, and was redesigned in 1939 when it was transferred to the Federal Works Agency. It offered work to the unemployed on an unprecedented scale by spending money on a wide variety of programs.

Whereas: One of the programs of the WPA was a program to locate and record the burial places of all veterans of American wars.

Whereas: The only copy of these records of the grave locations of Massachusetts veterans available for use by the public in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is at the "Massachusetts Military Museum and Archives,," located in Worcester, MA.

Whereas; The Massachusetts Military Museum and Archives is only open to the public from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday and has only one microfilm reader.

Therefore Be it Resolved: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Massachusetts include a budget item of $400 to purchase a copy of the 20 microfilm rolls that contain the burial records of all Massachusetts Veterans from the Revolution to "the World War. These tapes to be donated to the Berkshire Atheneum in Pittsfield, MA for safe keeping, with the stipulation that they will be available for intra library lone for usage in local libraries. Furthermore the Berkshire Atheneum would not be allowed to destroy or transfer ownership in any way except back to the Department of Massachusetts of Sons of Union Soldiers of the Civil War.

The Department of MASSACHUSETTS, with all of its Officers and Brothers seated there on the _____ day of _____, 2009, met in annual Encampment and voted on the following amendment to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;

ARTICLE V
Organization

Section 2.

(a) The supreme power and authority…..

(b) If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

The amendment **PASSED** **FAILED** (circle one) by a simple majority of the delegates and Brothers present and entitled to vote.

_____ Department Commander

_____ Attest; Department Secretary

RESOLUTION

The membership of Department of Rhode Island at its annual encampment held on April 4, 2009 hereby approved the following resolution supporting the nomination of Brother Leo F. Kennedy for the position of Commander-in-Chief at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy is a descendent of Stephen Kettle and George Kettle who both served in the Civil War from the state of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy is a Life Member of the SUVCW having joined our organization in 1988. He has held every position within Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 and in the Department of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy also serves in the Sons of Veteran Reserve since 2001 and is commissioned as a captain, servings as the Public Relations Officer for the Headquarters Company.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy has served our Order with distinction on both the National Graves Registration Committee and the National Communication and Technology Committee. From 1997 to 2003, Brother Kennedy was annually appointed as the National Grave Registration Officer and has performed tremendous work in this important duty of our Order. He has served on the Council of Administration, elected for a 3-year term 2004-2007, served on the Memorial Grants Committee, and he is currently serving as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy has twice received recognition for his duty and loyalty to the Order; first in 1998, the Department of Rhode Island named Leo F. Kennedy as the outstanding member of the year and in 2001, Brother Kennedy received the meritorious service with gold star award from then Commander-in-chief Edward J. Krieser. He was also honored as a Kentucky Colonel at the National Encampment in 2003.

Whereas, Brother Kennedy continues to serve his community for 28 years as a Deputy Chief with City of Cranston Fire Department; as a member RI Critical Incident Stress Management Team; a communications specialist with RI 1- DMAT, Department of Homeland Security; and as the Operations Officer – Town of Smithfield Emergency Management Agency. He is a member of International Association Fire Fighters, International Association Fire Chiefs and serves on the RI Urban Search and Rescue Team. He received three commendations for service at the World Trade Center from Sept. 11, 2001 to Sept. 26th, 2001.

Whereas, Since 1988, Brother Kennedy has been a member and serves as a gun sergeant of Battery B, 1st RI Light Artillery a living history organization and part of the Rhode Island State Militia. Sergeant Kennedy received the State Militia Meritorious Service award in 1998, fifteen-year service award from the RI State Militia, and the Military Order of St. Barbara. He is a graduate of Providence College and was elected to the Eta Lambda Honor Society.

Therefore be it known that the: Department of Rhode Island announces its support in nominating Past Department Commander Leo F. Kennedy for the position of Commander-in-Chief at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24
2009 Resolution for D. Brad Schall

Candidate for National Junior Vice Commander – in - Chief
128th National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky

January 6, 2009

The Brothers of General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 in the Department of California and Pacific ask for your support for Brother Brad Schall for the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Schall has dedicated himself to honoring the Boys in Blue with a pro-active attitude and willingness in all aspects of our Order. His enthusiasm is contagious and his passion for the American Civil War is obvious to all who meet him.

Brother Brad Schall has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for more than 20 years and is a Charter Member and was the first Commander of General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 in the Department of California and Pacific. He holds four Camp Duel memberships in the Department and currently holds elected or appointed offices in three of the four camps to which he belongs.

Brother Schall served the Department of California and Pacific as an elected officer from 1998 to 2004. His service included all the chairs, Council and was Department Commander from 2002 to 2004. He currently is a commanding officer in Co. B, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment and holds the rank of Captain.

Brother Schall has served two terms on the Council of Administration on the National level, was the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee. National Patriotic Instructor, was on the Committee on Americanization and Education, the Ebay Surveillance Committee, Aide to the Memorial Committee, Nation Committee on Constitution and Regulations, was Co-Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and is currently serving as National Chief-of-Staff and is Chairman of the Memorial Grant Committee.

In addition to the SUVCW Brother Schall is the Co-Chairman and founding Board member of the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz. He is a Docent Interrupter for the National Park Service.

He is a member of the Northern California Civil War Speakers Bureau and gives talks to Civil War Roundtables, civil organizations and veterans groups in Northern California.

Brother Schall is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

We ask for your support in electing Brother Schall to the position of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

RESOLUTION

The membership of Department of Rhode Island at its annual encampment held on April 4, 2009 hereby approved the following resolution supporting the nomination of Brother William C. Vieira for the position of National Council of Administration at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

Whereas, Brother Vieira has held numerous positions within Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 and in the Department of Rhode Island and has served as Department Commander for three terms. He has served as the Rhode Island Department Chaplain and Treasurer. He is currently serving as the Regional Commander of the New England Regional Association of the SUVCW. He also currently serves on the National Programs and Policies Committee and an Alternate on the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Brother Viera is also a Private in the National Headquarters Company of the SVR;

Whereas, Brother Vieira graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor's Degree in History, as well as a graduate of the Teacher's Certification Program at Rhode Island College;

Whereas, Brother Vieira completed research on the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and published "I've Been Working on the Railroad: A History of Providence Lodge #66 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen." The work and research was noted in the book "Trolley Wars: Streetcar Workers on the Line" by noted Rhode Island Labor Historian Scott Molloy;

Whereas, Brother Vieira formerly served as Chairman of the Educational Outreach Committee of the Rhode Island Labor History Society;

Whereas, Brother Vieira served on the Board of Directors for Congregation Agudas Achim and taught Hebrew School there for ten years. On occasion, he led religious service and fulfilled the religious needs of the congregation for the Rabbi in his stead;

Whereas, Brother Vieira currently serves as a Private in Battery B 1st RI Light Artillery a living history organization and part of the Rhode Island State Militia, holding the Order of Saint Barbara and the Rhode Island State Militia Long-Service Award. Also he is currently serving as a Private in Company B of the Second Rhode Island Infantry;

Whereas, Brother Vieira is a Member of the Golden Key Honor Society of the University of Rhode Island and a member of Chapter Epsilon Rho of the National History Honor Society Phi Alpha Theta;

Whereas, Brother Vieira is currently teaching at the William E. Tolman High School as a Teacher of History and currently serving as the Advisor to the History Honor Society;

Therefore be it known that the; Department of Rhode Island announces its support in nominating Past Department Commander William C. Vieira to the position of National Council of Administration at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

April 11, 2009

Dear Department Secretary:

Enclosed you shall find several items that may be of interest to the members of your department who are attending your encampment.

The 1940 pension list of Union and Confederate veterans came from the national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic. The list was given to me by the late PDP Bettye Myers, SUVCW and Aux. to Sons. She was a friend of PNP Corra Gillis, who was the last national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have found this list to be useful in New York and hope that it came be of help to your department. You could look for years to gather this information. I also have the list of those veterans who attended the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

My wife, Lorraine, is the national historian of the Woman's Relief Corps. The WRC is have a drawing for an Abraham Lincoln print. A picture of it is enclosed. The cost is $1 each or 6 for $5. I do not have tickets at this time. If anyone is interested, the money can be sent to me and I will put your name of the tickets. You may contact PNP Margaret Lauth at MHWL2000@aol.com, to ask questions about this drawing.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the artist, had car trouble and could not go to downtown Gettysburg at Remembrance Day. He set up a display table with the Allied Orders and that is how we met. This print is one of the offical Lincoln Bicentennial commemoratives. A $3,500 edition of the print was presented to the White House. You may view Mr. Kennedy's website at www.thomaskennedyart.com.

I would encourge your department to write its history. At our 125th department encampment last year, I presented each member present a 63 page history of our department commanders and encampments and roster of over 500 camps. Many long forgotten traditons, members and bylaws were discovered.

It is hoped that this finds all of you well and that we may meet sometime.

Your friend in F, C and L,

Jerome Orton

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RESOLUTION

The membership of the Department of Pennsylvania at their Mid-Year meeting endorses Brother Eric Schmincke for National Council of Administration at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

Whereas, Brother Schmincke is a Past Department Commander of the Depaertment of Pennsylvania;

Whereas, Brother Schmincke served on the National Council Administration and Past Chief of Staff of Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell;

Whereas, Brother Schmincke was Jr. Deacon for the Frankfort Lodge 292 of the Masonic Order;

Whereas, Brother Schmincke served as Parade Marshall for Remembrance Day;

Whereas, Brother Schmincke served as the President of the 90th Pennsylvania Reenactors and NCO of the 28th Pennsylvania;

Therefore be it known that; Department of Pennsylvania announces its support in nominating Past Department Commander Eric Schmincke for the position of National Council of Administration at the 128th National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Louisville, KY.

KEN L. FRESHLEY

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Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts,

I am respectfully requesting that this letter of intent is read at your Mid-Winter meeting or your Annual Encampment.

Please allow this letter to serve as an announcement of my candidacy for election to the 3 year office of National Council of Administration, to set my qualifications before you, and to solicit your endorsement.

I presently serve in dual positions as the National Webmaster and Signals Officer. In these capacities of service, I have been in a unique position to directly interface with the Council on numerous and varying types of issues and projects. This same familiarity with the present set of concerns and problems faced by the Council, would, I believe, allow me to help deal with any matters brought before Council in an efficient and effective fashion.

My responsibilities as an Ohio Department Commander and Department Council member, local Camp Commander and Camp Council member, as well as the National Offices that I now hold, call upon me to make reference to our Constitution, Regulations, Policies and other operating authorities frequently. Accordingly, I have become quite well acquainted with the C & R and Policies, and am able to use this knowledge to the benefit of the Order. To come to the point, I am campaigning for the Office of National Council of Administration because I have faith that I have something beneficial to offer the Order in this position as well as other capacities.

Over the years, I have been honored to accomplish numerous things for the good of the Order and also have served in several positions. Each task and position has enriched my ability of service. I have attached a resume which sets forth a partial list of my pertinent knowledge and experience.

Finally, I humbly ask for your support. The best interest of the Order rests in the hands of every member, and I know you will give careful consideration to my candidacy.

In essence, I ask that you please give me the opportunity to serve. If you do allow me to assume this new responsibility I assure you, I will work for the best interests of the Order as I always have, while taking care of the new responsibilities and work set before me as a member of the Council of Administration.

Thank you for your consideration.
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ken L. Freshley

Ken L. Freshley, P.D.C.
National Webmaster & Signals Officer
S.U.V.C.W.

I am seeking your support for election to the office of Council Member to the National Council of Administration.

Please allow me to submit my resume of service experience

National Organization
Offices Held

2005 – present National Webmaster
2006 – present National Signals Officer

Department of Ohio
Offices Held

2006 – 2007 Department Commander
2004 – present Department Signals Officer & Newsletter Editor

Served as SVC, JVC, Department Council and served on many committees

James A. Garfield Camp #142
Offices Held

2003 – 2005 Camp Commander
2000 – present Camp Newsletter Editor

Served as SVC, JVC, Camp Council and served on many committees

Additional Activities

- **Current member of 3rd Military District - S.V.R.**
- **Recipient of Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star**
- **Recipient of National Aide ribbon for recruiting**
- **Played a key part in publishing and activating the Quartermaster and SUVCW-Charitable Foundation stores on-line**
- **Currently serving as one of the Directors and Webmaster for the SUVCW - Charitable Foundation (www.suvcw-cf.org)**
- **Currently serving as Trustee and Webmaster for the Cleveland Soldiers and Sailors Monument. (www.soldiersandsailors.com)**
- **Currently serving as Webmaster for the Cleveland Grays Armory and Museum. (www.graysarmorymuseum.org)**
- **Currently serving as the Post Adjutant, Webmaster and a Life Member for local American Legion Post.**
- **Served as a Past Post Adjutant and a Life Member for local VFW Post.**
- **Served in the United States Navy Submarine force on both the East and West Coasts, awarded 2 Navy Achievement medals during tour.**
- **Served for 8 years on a volunteer Technology Steering Committee for a local school system.**
- **Devoted family man and active in church community**

Endorsements

David V. Medert, CinC	**Donald E. Darby, PCinC**	**Henry Shaw, CofA**
Leo Kennedy, SVCinC	**Charles Kuhn, PCinC**	**Brad Schall, CofA**
James Hanby, JVCinC	**Danny Wheeler, PCinC**	**Craig Keller, Ohio DC**
Robert Grim, PCinC, SVR Cmdr.	**Keith Harrison, PCinC**	**Donald Grant, Ohio PDC**
James Houston, Ohio PDC	**John Silvis, Ohio PDC**	**Robert Petrovic, MO PDC**

And many more (will be listed at www.freshleys.net/endorsements.htm)

September 5, 2008

Re: As requested this is a additional report on the 2008 State Encampment held at the Holiday-Select in Woburn, Mass. on April 11th & 12th, 2008. Please note that a report of elected and appointed Officers for 2008/2009 was made on April 13, 2008 and that the Dept. Treasurer has made his report on the Budget.

Friday, April 11, 2008...The Campfire; Mr. Les Campbell was hired to give a talk and visual presentation on the building of Quabbin Reservoir and the moving of GAR graves. The cost was $150. Plus mileage from Springfield.

Saturday, April 12th, the State Encampment;

Cmdr. Perley Mellor opened the Encampment at 10:20AM, Dan Murray of the National Council of Admin. Represented the Cmdr.-in-Chief. Two guests were present..the R.I. Dept. Cmdr. Bill Vieira and Brother Ellsworth Brown of Salem, NH. Credential Committee, Dan Burns and John Bates reported 33 Brothers present. Camp 25 had 12 members, Camp 104 had 10 members, Camp 5 had 2 members, Camp 26 had 1 member, Camp 15 had 3 members, Camp 129 had 1 member, and there were 4 PDC's Note that during the Encampment, some members had to leave and other members arrived.

Reports were given by Cmdr. Mellor, SVC Kevin Tucker, JVC George Maple, Sec. Bill Ryerson, Treasurer Ed Norris, Council Ch. John Bates, Pat. Instr, Dean Sargent, Chaplain Bob Knight, and Ed Knight on Graves Registration. The Encampment then broke for Lunch.

At 1:20 PM the Encampment opened the afternoon session, The Credentials Committee reported 30 members present, Roy Henry former Camp 18 Camp Cmdr. and now a member of Camp 25 was voted to have his honors as Camp Cmdr. transferred to his new Camp. The National proposal for Junior Membership was passed with 3 against. A discussion was made and it was noted that each Dept. still had to decide if they wanted Junior Members. Kevin Tucker reported on the plans for the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, Mass. on August 7th to 9th, 2008. Camp 5 was presented it's Charter by Cmdr. Perley Mellor.

By-law changes; (note a complete text of the proposed BY-law changes is attached to this report) Item one was a proposal to allow the Dept. Council latitude as to the need of Audits or reviews of the Annual Statement of the fiscal status of the Dept. .....the proposal failed to pass. Item Two was a proposal to clarify the needs of Audits or Reviews, the proposal failed to pass. Item Three was a proposal to clarify the collection of the National Per-Capita.....the proposal was approved..... Item Four was a proposal to clarify the Dues and Per-Capita payments for members of the new MAL Camp, the proposal was approved.

The Budget was then taken up with Dept. Treasurer reporting that $21,700 was available. A motion was made by Ed Norris to provide funds for Flag Holders in the amount of $2,000. was passed. Lincoln Brunch was voted expenses in the amount of $650. Kevin Tucker made a motion for $2,080. To provide any member who signs up a new member to have his National Per-Capita paid in 2009 ($18.) It was

voted on a motion by Treas. Norris to provide $250. for the Dept. Chaplains expenses. An afternoon break was made after the Budget was finally approved along with some increases.

Election of Officers: meeting was called back in order at 4:30PM with the Election of Dept. Cmdr. the first item. The Credentials Committee reported 29 members present for voting. The Office of Dept. Cmdr. was the first item; John Bates introduced Frank Tucker who nominated Kevin Tucker, then a member of Camp 25 nominated Perley Mellor. The Chair was then taken over by the JVC George Maple. The vote was 16 for Perley Mellor and 13 for Kevin Tucker. Next was the SVC position, Kevin Tucker received 16 votes, Ret Rodriguez received 12 votes and Perley Mellor 1 vote. For JVC the vote was uncontested as Steve Twining declined so George Maple was re-elected. Both Secretary Bill Ryerson and Treasurer ED Norris were also uncontested and they were re-elected. For Dept. Council the vote was: Dan Murray with 21 votes, Peter Rotando with 19 votes, and John Bates with 16 votes...runner ups were Rey Rodriguez, Steve Twining, and Dan Burns. Nine Delegates to National Encampment were elected, they were; Kevin Tucker, George Maple, Rey Rodriguez, Dean Sargent, Steve Twining, Ed Knight, Peter Rotando, Dan Burns, and Doug Jenkins. The new Officers were sworn in and the 2008 Encampment adjourned. Both the SUVCW and Auxiliary had an enjoyable banquet at the Holiday-Select.

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Camp 3188

Verbal report given by

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Camp 3188 was started with a committee of one, then we grew to two, then to three, then to four. This in the fourth quarter of 2008. Right off, it was, ah, I should, ah, what was the reason for me to get interested, first of all, let me give you a little history of how I got started in my interest in the Civil War, and how much time do I have? (Answer: 10 minutes) 10 minutes, okay. When I first got started talking about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, people said, "Gosh, Conley, you've got a Southern accent. What do you mean talking about Union? Your family must be rebels." I said not really. My family grew up in what is called East Tennessee, Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, the Holsten River, Tennessee River, French Broad River, these were battle shipping ways during the Civil War for the North. But anyway, Knoxville, Tennessee is predominately Union or Lincolnite people from, that believed in ah, against slavery. About 90% of the population in East Tennessee was actually for the Union in the Civil War. Of course one of the most successful battles is the Battle of Knoxville in the Civil War. It was one of the major victories for the Union was Knoxville Tennessee and that was a tribute to the locals then pretty much Union. In fact, Grant made a visit there. Sheridan and all the top generals made a visit after this victory. This had come at a time early in the Civil War that the Union really needed a victory. They were really getting their butts kicked in different parts of the campaign, since the outbreak of the Civil War. So, Knoxville, Tennessee was an integral part. A lot of units saw that a couple units, infantry units that fought in Knoxville, were from New England, especially a few from Massachusetts and a lot of them bivouaced and fought in Fort Sanders, and that campaign of the Cumberland along with Ohio and other units from Maine, a number of units that was in Knoxville. And the units again was very successful, and of course growing up in East Tennessee, Knoxville, being from a large family, I got seven brothers and eight sisters, and of course when I was growing up I never thought about the Civil War.

My father was born at the turn of the 1900's and my grandfather was born in 1862, which he was a War orphan, and of course my great grandfather fought for the Union the First Tennessee, Light Artillery, and of course at that particular time in East Tennessee a lot of brothers and uncles and great uncles and grandfathers went off to war together and this happened to be in my case, which I had two grandfathers and three or four great uncles go off together to the Civil War, and they pretty much stayed in that area of East Tennessee of Knoxville and Nashville.

Of course, these were real strongholds for the Union Army. To make a long story short, I was reading, just got interested in reading about the Civil War and I just recently formed an American Legion Post from a committee of one, and grew it to eighty members, so I formed a new American Legion Post in Scituate. It had been inactive for many, many years so that was very successful. And, of course we were marching in parades and doing all the good things good veterans should be doing, and the town of Scituate they had a Grand Army Hall. They spent about a quarter million dollars renovating this particular hall. Just a beautiful old building built in 1826 and it is the original home for the Grand Army of the Republic. The Post they had, this Post 31, and of course when that Post, ah,

Post 31 became inactive, then it was taken over by the Sons group called the Bates Post, Post 81. So this is where, ah, Camp 81. So this is where we got the number. I kept the numbers 3188 in the form of G.A.R. Post and the Camp is 88, 3188 that's why it has this unique number, to perpetuate the history. Come to find out they'd lost fifty or sixty years of history because there had been no Sons in the Camp in the town of Scituate, which had over 264 Civil War veterans in the town of Scituate, not counting the neighboring towns around Scituate. This hall was completely, beautifully renovated and I said it's a shame that we have a beautiful hall like this but we have no Sons of Union Veterans to meet in. So that's what got my mind going. I asked around a few questions, no problem, we'd love for you to meet there. So I went on a crusade, started signing up people. So first of all, my first ten members was, I have six brothers and I get all six of them and signed them up, and of course I got nephews, so I signed them up, before you know it, I got fifteen members. They're located in different states, anywhere from California to Tennessee to Indiana to Michigan to Georgia, so I got a cross section of people to come together and then I said now it's time to outreach.

The thing was you only need five people to charter so I now got chartering people to charter the meeting so I went out and twisted a few arms of friends of mine and I walked up and said how do, I said to them what was your family doing in 1861 through 1865. They said what are you talking about? I said what was your family doing in 1861 to 65? And right off, if they mentioned Civil War, I knew I had them. So I started taking names. And in fact that two or three of them are here today, approached in that same direction – what was your family doing in 61 to 65? Anyway, I managed to sign them up and they came to our first meeting and it was a success from the get go, and as the word got out, and the people would come and interest, people always want to talk about the Civil War for some reason, but they always have a family member if you focus on those years 61-65. So as a result of that we managed to get a lot of good local press.

We started doing things with the local historical society. The historical society had several members and things in their historical buildings but they were in boxes. Nobody was even talking about them or using them so it created a little bit more interest in the historical society and since the historical society owned the building to start with. So it became a really jump start, a blessing for them that we train with them and start this whole process going. So as again, we've well over 30 members. We're growing and our participation that we have, our meetings are really, really fun. Our typical meeting is, ah, we do a little 50/50, we take a little money for postage so I asked my Treasurer to run the 50/50 and so we sell $20-$25 worth of tickets, so we make ten or twelve bucks every meeting, we can handle that. Then we started a little trivia. We have fifteen questions we ask on the Civil War. Nobody has the answers for the questions, (unintelligible) to do the network, the meeting gets started, and that's really an icebreaker and gets everybody intermingling and talking. And then I said it would be nice to recognize the 264 Civil War veterans that's buried here, or from Scituate, maybe not buried here, but they're from Scituate, is to read their names so that at the start of every meeting in our program we ask to have a slip made up of twenty names that gives the soldier's name, rank, and the unit they served in, and the status, what year they died, and of course each person, each one of our members, will read one or two of those names, and hopefully we can get through the entire list in twenty years or whatever, but it's going to be a perpetual thing. But that's typical of the atmosphere of many. The biggest thing we have is our show and

tells, and we really get a hoot out of that, because we've got some members like Dean Sargent, Brother Bonney, here today and Brother Spear that in our community that have been sort of amateur type collectors but they never did have a forum to show and tell about what they have been doing all these years with their interest in the Civil War. And to bring them in before the meeting is just really a real hoot. Sometimes no one wants to go home; they want to still stay in the meeting and talk about it. That's how the interest we have with that. Now since we are getting well known, people want to contribute things to us, want to give us stuff, like we have a complete set of, beautiful set of books of geneology on the Civil War that was donated to us. We got people that want to donate their Civil War ribbons that their great-grandparents had, turn them over to us rather than turn them to the historical society, because they hear that our organization will do something about it, ah, do something with them. And, ah, briefly, we did a Civil War history of the town, one of our brothers made a presentation to the entire town, so we had standing room only and our hall is about the size of this. People actually standing around the room to be able to hear this. The interest in the real history, they just want to know the educational part of it, that's what we're really emphasizing, as I say, this is something, just seems like everywhere I go, you start talking Civil War, you just have to nail them right on the spot and sign them right up, so that's what I try to do. I get them to one meeting, they'll come back to the second meeting. And another thing is I would try to push through is Junior Membership. Of course not at the time not knowing much about the Civil War, I mean Union of Veterans of the Civil War, I didn't know Junior Membership weren't permitted in the Department of Massachusetts, so I signed up Junior Members. (unintelligible) said "Conley, we don't accept them." We found an affiliate Camp, the one in New Hampshire, I think Post 1 there, one of the Brown Camps, W.W. Brown Camp, so we sort of, even though we have Junior Members, we sort of farmed them out to a Department that does accept Junior Members. So hopefully we can get that changed at this Encampment where we can vote to get Junior Members in because Junior Members, I've got a seven year old, a ten year old, I want to bring the whole family in on this. Anyway, I've got a couple of Junior Members and more waiting to join. So I've sort of held off on that until we get approved to make this go. That's part one of my talk. I've got about fifteen minutes more (laughter) I'll save that for this afternoon, but Camp 3188 is doing fine, we've got some great members, we got some great things, great plans for the rest of '09 and looking forward to 2010. Anyone here is always welcome to come to a meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7 o'clock. Just bring an open mind. We have fun. Thank you.